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SISTER MARIE JOSEPH LAZZERI, SSND

Sister Marie Joseph Lazzeri was born in Freeman Spur, Illinois, and professed first vows in 1954 in St. Louis. She began teaching at Sacred Heart School in DuQuoin, Illinois (1954-55); and then taught at St. Wenceslaus School, St. Louis (1955-59). In 1960, she received a Bachelor of Arts in theology and philosophy from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. Sister Marie Joseph taught primary students at St. Elizabeth School in Alice, Texas (1959-64); and St. Patrick School in Dallas (1964-67). Sister Marie Joseph served as an administrator of elementary education at St. Paul School in Fort Worth, Texas (1967-69). She earned a Master of Education in administration in 1967, and Master of Arts in counseling and guidance in 1968, both from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. She served as an administrator at St. Joseph School in Ponchatoula, Louisiana (1969-70); and at St. Gerard Majella School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (1970-78). While at St. Gerard Majella, Sister Marie Joseph worked as an education consultant for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge (1970-78). She then served as an education consultant for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, New Orleans, for one year, until becoming associate superintendent (1979-91). Sister Marie Joseph then began serving at St. Dominic, New Orleans, in a variety of roles; guidance counselor (1991-93); coordinator of religious education (1991-93); and then as assistant principal (1993-2020). Currently, she engages in volunteer service at Sancta Maria at Ripa in St. Louis.

A memory I have to share....

One of my most memorable experiences was working with Mother Georgianne Segner, opening the Dallas Province. We walked the streets introducing SSND to the people of Dallas. She was indeed a very determined and loving person, and I learned so much from her. I truly love being an SSND for 70 years.

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