

2024 Jubilee

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SISTER MILDRED (MARIE RAYMOND) LODDEKE, SSND

Sister Mildred Loddeke was born in Breese, Illinois, and professed first vows in 1954 in St. Louis. She taught at St. Anthony School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (1954-55); Sacred Heart School in Rich Fountain, Missouri (1955-56); and St. Charles Borromeo School, St. Charles, Missouri (1956-63). In 1962, she received a Bachelor of Arts in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. Sister Mildred then taught at Our Lady Queen of Peace, House Springs, Missouri (1963-64); St. Teresa School in Belleville, Illinois (1964-68); and St. Jude Academy, San Diego (1968-69). She worked as a catechist at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carmi, Illinois (1969-71); before serving as coordinator of religious education for parishes in southern Illinois: Sacred Heart, Dupo, Illinois (1971-74); St. Andrew, Murphysboro, Illinois (1971-72); St. Bruno, Pinckneyville, Illinois (1971-74); St. Josephy, Lebanon, Illinois (1972-74); and then as religious education coordinator at Blessed Sacrament, Belleville, Illinois (1974-75). Sister Mildred earned a Master of religious education from Loyola University of New Orleans, New Orleans, in 1976. She served as religious education director for the Diocese of Belleville, Belleville, Illinois (1975-82); then becoming the director of religious education at St. Pius X, Moberly, Missouri (1982-91). In 1992, she became an administrator at St. Anthony Parish, Rosati, Missouri, remaining there until 1995, while also serving as an education consultant at Immaculate Conception in St. James, Missouri. From 1995-97, she was the pastoral administrator at St. Josephy, Canton, Missouri, and Notre Dame Parish, LaGrange, Missouri. Sister Mildred then became the community coordinator at nursing homes at Cori Manor, Fenton, Missouri and Fairfield Manor, St. Louis (1997-99); and then the community care coordinator for Anna House, Bridgeton, Missouri (1999-2003). For one year, she was a research assistant for the Nun Study at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. She then moved back to St. Louis and became an assistant local leader at Sancta Maria at Ripa (2004-12). Since 2012, Sister Mildred has volunteered at Immaculate Conception, Macon, Missouri (2012-14); Theresa Center, St. Louis (2014-23); and Criminal Justice Ministry, St. Louis (2020-23). Currently Sister Mildred is living at The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri, and serving in prayer and presence.

A memory I have to share....

Life as a SSND has provided a variety of ministries to me, all seemed to lead to and prepare me for the next, from teaching young children to adults, to sacramental preparation to those in the RCIA process and caring for our sisters. All were blessings.

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