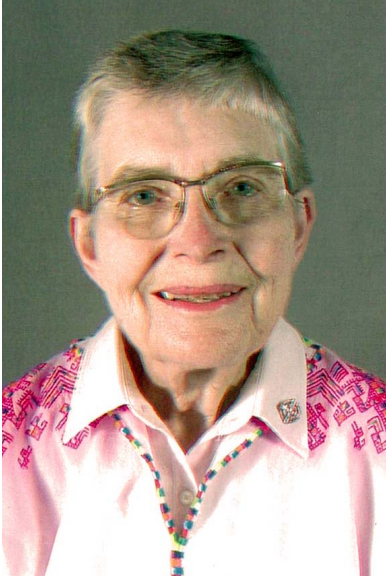


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First Profession
July 21, 1954

JUBILEE WISDOM

I went to Guatemala thinking I would teach the people and found I learned more about culture, life and Christianity from the Mayans there.

-Janet Druffel, SSND

-formerly S. George Marie

Janet Druffel, SSND

60 Years

Sister Janet began her ministries as an elementary teacher in Iowa and Washington and one year, 1962, in Guatemala. In 1964 she returned to Guatemala to teach. Within a year she began helping out at the educational radio station at Nahuala. Sister Janet became program director of the radio station and remained there 25 years. With the exception of two years, Sister Janet has been a permanent resident of Guatemala. Those two were spent getting her master's degree at Gonzaga University in Spokane and one year teaching at DeSales High School in Walla Walla, Washington. From 1992 to 2010 she was the coordinator of educational television/radio/media in Quiché, Guatemala. In 1991, Sister Janet received the rarely bestowed Papal Cross, the Vatican's highest recognition of a lay person who spreads the Gospel. She is living in retirement in Guatemala City.

God's call came and went from the time I was in the second grade. My decision to enter was definitely influenced by the School Sisters of Notre Dame who taught me from first grade through high school.

I have been blessed with the support of family, friends and companions all through my life. The great and unexpected gift I have had is the call to work and live with the Mayan people of the highlands of Guatemala. I fell in love with the people. Our first foreign visitors were the bishops from Spokane, Washington and New Ulm, Minnesota. They were on their way home after attending the first session of Vatican II. The visionaries of the area began to study the documents. It was a time of great joy and enthusiasm.



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