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## **Sister Christine Spour, SSND**

*Sister Christine made her first profession of vows in 1957. Her first teaching assignments took her to St. Ignatius grade school in Marthasville and St. Charles Borromeo grade school in St. Charles, both in Missouri. She served in administration at St. Dominic grade school in Breese, Illinois, from 1974 through 1981, followed by a period of leadership as a councilor for the former St. Louis Province. Following an assignment at St. Charles in DuBois, Illinois, Sister Christine moved to Africa. There she taught two years in Sierra Leone, until being forced to flee due to rebel violence. She moved to the Diocese of Banjul, Gambia, teaching for four years. In 2000, she accepted a ministry as a local leader in Ghana for SSND's District of Africa, and was appointed the district councilor position, serving until 2009. She returned to teaching for a time, and currently serves in prayer and presence in St. Louis. She graduated with a bachelor's in biology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, and in 1974, she earned a master's in elementary education administration from St. Louis University.*



### *A memory I have to share...*

After profession, I was among the small group who were to stay at the motherhouse and continue college studies. My concentration was science (biology and chemistry), which I liked. After one year, my assignment was to a small country community of three; two sisters over 65 years old, and then me at 22 years old. This small town was Concord Hill, Missouri. Here I was to teach grades one, two, three and four (a total of 42 students) all in one room. I soon learned how to give "seat work" to the three grades while I taught one grade. This continued for the first six years of my mission life. I loved this first experience, for it prepared me for future ministries. After three years at another mission, I returned to Concord Hill as principal and taught some of the same students I had in the primary grades. I also value my 21 years spent as a missionary in Africa.

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