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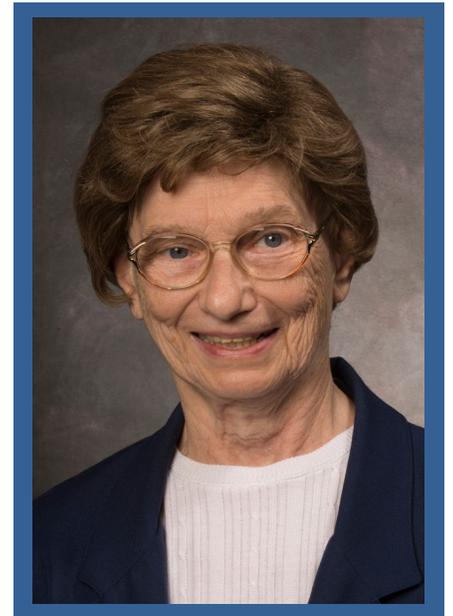
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Sister Mary Camille Szydlowski, SSND

Sister Mary Camille was born in St. Louis, entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1955 and made her religious profession in 1957. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from the former Notre Dame College and a master's in elementary administration from St. Louis University. Sister Camille first taught at St. Francis School in Brookhaven, Mississippi, from 1959 until 1962. This ministry was followed by teaching positions at St. Gabriel the Archangel School in South St. Louis from 1962 to 1966; Our Lady of Perpetual Help in North St. Louis from 1979 to 1983; St. Joseph in Manchester from 1983 to 1989; St. Mary Magdalen in Brentwood from 1994 to 2000; and St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Rose Philippine in Florissant from 2000 to 2007. Sister Camille also served as principal, teacher and director of religious education at St. Joseph School in Farmington, Missouri, from 1968 to 1969. Her ministry also extended outside of education, including serving as a receptionist for Catholic Family Services in St. Louis from 1991 to 1992, and as a secretary at St. Mary Magdalen School in Brentwood, Missouri, from 1992 to 1993. Outside of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Sister Camille served as principal, teacher and director of religious education in Fort Madison, Iowa, from 1966 until 1968; a principal at Christ the King International High School in Okinawa, Japan, from 1970 to 1973; a teacher at Notre Dame High School in Kyoto, Japan, from 1973 to 1978; and a teacher at St Peter Cathedral in Belleville, Illinois, from 1989 until 1991. She also volunteered in Seoul, South Korea, working with disabled children during her summer breaks. Since 2007, Sister Camille has served the congregation as a driver for Sancta Maria in Ripa and as a Resource Development volunteer in St. Louis.



A memory I have to share...

Off to the Orient I was sent. When I was a postulant in 1955, I volunteered to do missionary work in Okinawa, Japan, if there was a need. After 15 years, (not remembering that I had volunteered so long ago), I was requested to minister to the Okinawan people as a principal and religion teacher at Christ the King International High School. One unique experience for me occurred on my first day in the classroom. The school was composed of 18 different nationalities and various religions. One young man raised his hand and asked me this question: "Sister, what do you think of us?" I replied, "I don't exactly understand what you are asking." He replied, "We are all so dark skinned and have black hair. You are so fair skinned and blonde." I didn't think very much about it at the time because my parents taught me to respect and love all people, but now it strikes me very deeply. We all belong to God's family. Diversity is beautiful. Working with students of other nationalities has widened my perspective of God's gracious gifts. I am deeply grateful to the community for the education they provided, which has led to vast experiences and a greater global awareness in being a member of an international community.

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