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Sister Patricia Delaney, SSND

Sister Patricia spent her first decade of teaching ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows grade school in St. Louis. After a five-year post in administration at St. Francis Solanus in Quincy, Illinois, she returned to Our Lady of Sorrows to serve in administration. Following two more teaching posts, at St. Dominic in Breese, Illinois, and St. Hilary in Pico Rivera, California, she settled in Illinois in 1984, where she worked as assistant superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Belleville in Illinois. The new millennium brought a new call, which Sister Patricia answered by serving as a provincial councilor for the former St. Louis Province from 1999 through 2007. Following a two-year post as an adjunct consultant for Catholic School Management, she returned to the Belleville Diocese where she now serves in prayer, presence and as a volunteer in and around Shiloh. She graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's in sociology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, and holds a master's in elementary administration from St. Louis University.



A memory I have to share...

Religious life has had many changes since 1957. Each time a new change appears, I remember the words of one of my mentors who said, "Take time, pray and trust the process." I have tried to follow this advice throughout these years, and it has worked. I am deeply grateful for being called to enter the SSND community 60 years ago. I have received many blessings from each of my assignments. With each came surprises and challenges and wonderful people to help and mentor me. From my teaching days; to principal at St. Francis Solanus in Quincy; returning to Our Lady of Sorrows as principal; teacher at St. Dominic, Breese, IL and at St. Hilary in California; and as Assistant Superintendent in Elementary Education in the Diocese of Belleville for 15 years, I learned to work and appreciate the ideas and abilities of wonderful people. For eight years, I had the privilege of being a member of the Leadership Team in the former St. Louis Province. During this time I learned much about the dedicated women serving in our congregation. Following teaching, I served as a consultant for Catholic School Management, a full-service, comprehensive consulting organization supporting Catholic Education throughout many dioceses in the U.S.

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