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Sister Jacqueline Toben, SSND

Sister Jacqueline's earliest ministry years were devoted to elementary education, teaching three years at San Jose in Albuquerque, New Mexico, followed by two years at St. Michael in St. Louis. Beginning in 1964, Sister Jacqueline moved to California, where she taught at Pius X High School in Downey, near Los Angeles, through 1971. Returning to the Midwest, she served the next decade at the following high schools: Academy of Notre Dame and Althoff Catholic in Belleville, Illinois; Laboure and Cardinal Ritter Prep in St. Louis; and International Institute, also in St. Louis. From 1982-1988, Sister Jacqueline undertook a new ministry, serving the incarcerated through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Louis. After a two-year assignment as a counselor, she began her ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in St. Louis. During that time, she devoted herself to advocacy for women, children and families. She founded "Let's Start," a not-for-profit whose mission is to empower formerly incarcerated women and families. Since 2014, she has remained active in volunteering around the area, including as a tutor for the Innovative Concept Academy in St. Louis. Sister Jacqueline holds a bachelor's in English from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1971, she completed a master's degree in English at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles.



A memory I want to share...

I vividly remember walking through the doors of a jail in St. Louis, and then walking down the long hallway to the women's quarters. That simple walk has led to a journey of both SSND community living and ministry that has been full of surprises.

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