

2025 Jubilee

SISTER BARBARA MASCH

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Celebrating 60 years



Born in California, **Sister Barbara Masch** began her life as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) by way of Dallas, and served primarily throughout the American south and southwest. Having earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Dallas in 1967, Sister Barbara immediately embarked upon her first teaching role for Immaculate Conception in Laurel, Mississippi. From there, she began a series of teaching positions in Texas and Alabama, and also achieved her master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas. Starting in 1989, she settled into a long-term

ministry for Resurrection High School in Pascagoula, Mississippi. She recalls of that time in her life, "As I look back on my 60 years in community and as a teacher, I have only happy memories. One memory stands out: I taught at Resurrection Middle High School in small town Pascagoula for 14 years. It was there that I transitioned to a high school English IV and AP English III and IV teacher. This opened up a new vista for me with more preparation, lots of reading, lots of essays to review and wonderful discussions with my students. I'm so grateful for those years!" Upon her departure from Mississippi in 2003, she undertook a period of renewal before she spent one year teaching for Notre Dame Prep High School in Scottsdale, Arizona. From 2005 until 2009, she served at Holy Cross High School in San Antonio, via several roles including, teacher, substitute teacher and director of curriculum. She took her teaching abilities online in 2011, instructing students for St. Andrew's Virtual Catholic School. Sister Barbara lives in San Antonio where she divides her time as a consultant for the writing center for her alma mater, Our Lady of the Lake University, writing coach at the UT Health Science Center and prayerful presence.

In one word or phrase, describe your experience as a SSND.

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Is there a special memory you would like to share as you celebrate your Jubilee?

A special memory was the opportunity to go to the extended Japan program where I was able to visit Hiroshima and speak with a survivor of the atomic bombing. This visit was significant for me because I was born on August 6, 1945- the fateful day of the bombing.

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