

2025 Jubilee

SISTER MONICA MARIE EILERS

First Profession



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Celebrating 70 years



Born in Breese, Illinois, **Sister Monica Marie Eilers** has worked in ministries throughout the south and southwest U.S. since her profession as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND). Starting in 1955, and for the 14 years which followed, Sister Monica Marie would become a fixture at St. Gregory Nongraded School in Tyler, Texas. Over the course of her time there, she was a teacher for several grade levels and also an administrator. During this time, she would earn bachelor's degree from the former Notre Dame College in

St. Louis. In 1969, she departed from Texas and made her way to Annunciation in Bogalusa, Louisiana, where she served for two years as a teacher and administrator. She earned her master's degree from Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas, in 1970. 1971-1982 found her in Metairie, Louisiana, for more than a decade as administrator at St. Philip Neri. She spent the last few months of 1982 at the Motherhouse in Dallas before taking the first half of 1983 as sabbatical at Our Lady of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi. Following her sabbatical, she launched on another long-term role, serving as a teacher at St. Mary in Brownsville, Texas, for 17 years. She then followed up with a 16-year tenure as executive director for the Notre Dame Education Center in Canton, Mississippi. Sister Monica Marie remained in Mississippi another three years, returning to her one-time sabbatical location at Our Lady of the Pines, where she participated in community service. Since 2019, she resides in prayer and presence at St. Anthony's Gardens in Covington, Louisiana.

Please share a reflection on a ministry experience that was especially meaningful to you and why.

My ministry in Brownsville, Texas, was a wonderful experience in living and working with the culture there. Living on the border of Mexico and teaching children from there always gave me a sense that a good education and their Catholic faith were priorities in their lives.

What advice or words of wisdom would you want to impart to others?

Hang in there. Do the best you can and be pleasant about it.

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