



Sr. Judith Marie Beck, SSM

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Religious Community: Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother

Home Parish: St. John the Baptist Parish, Marshfield

Current Residence/Role: Oshkosh; Assistant Regional Superior, St. Clare of Assisi Region, Oshkosh

Ministry to Diocese:

1967-1974: Registered Nurse – Clinical & Management, Medical/Surgical and Psychiatric Unit, Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh

2017-Present: Assistant Regional Superior, St. Clare of Assisi Region, Oshkosh

Ministry Elsewhere:

1976-1980: Clinical Nurse Specialist in Mental Health Nursing, St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee

1978-1986: Provincial Councilor, Milwaukee Province

1980-1985: Educational Development Coordinator, Milwaukee Province Hospitals, Milwaukee

1985-1993: Vice-President, Mission Effectiveness, Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother Ministry Corp., Milwaukee

1994-1997: Vice-President, Empowerment Services - SET Ministry, Milwaukee

1997-2005: Assistant Provincial, Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, U.S./Caribbean Province, Broken Arrow, Okla.

2007-2008: Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Access Project Coordinator, Behavioral Health Clinic, Sacred Heart/St. Mary Hospital, Rhinelander

2008-2012: General Councilor, Rome, Italy

2016-2017: Mentor, Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother Postulants, St. Martin Retreat Center, Grenada, West Indies

Share a memorable experience that reaffirmed your faith or your vocation.

During the Vatican II days of experimentation with external changes (i.e. habit, ministries, lifestyle, prayer) most of my classmates were leaving the congregation and, of course, it prompted me to examine my call. Would I join them and leave the congregation? Why was I staying? What were my motivations? I even delayed taking final vows a year to ensure, as best I could, that I was still being called to religious life and the SSM's. The rest is history....

What advice would you give someone considering a religious vocation?

Start praying for enlightenment as soon as it comes into your awareness. Reflect often about your motivation and what attracts you to the life. Find a trusted person familiar with religious life to discuss your situation and what you would need to let go of... When ready, speak with your parents/loved ones. Find ways to become involved on a regular basis in your parish and/or volunteer work with people who need help. Become familiar with a number of religious communities and their expectations/requirements. Gradually it will become clear as to the next steps to take. Through it all, spend time daily with the Lord in prayer and reflection as you discern your future.

Taste and
See the
Goodness
of the Lord