



Sr. Catherine Marie Hanegan, SSM

60th Jubilee

Religious Community: Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother

Home Parish: St. Peter Parish, Bassfield, Mo.

Current Residence/Role: Franciscan Courts, Oshkosh; on sabbatical

Ministry to Diocese:

None

Ministry Elsewhere:

1966-1968: Teacher, St. Theresa School, Eagle

1968-1974: Teacher/Coordinator, Our Lady of Good Hope School, Milwaukee

1974-1978: Teacher, St. Joseph School, Grafton

1979-1984: Co-Director of Pastoral Care, St. Alphonsus Hospital, Port Washington

1984-1986: Director of Pastoral Care, St. Alphonsus Hospital, Port Washington

1986-1989: Vice President of Clinical Services, St. Michael Hospital, Stevens Point

1989-1997: Provincial Superior, U.S. Caribbean Province, Broken Arrow, Okla.

1993-1997: Chair, U.S. Health System, Broken Arrow, Okla.

1998-2008: Vice President Mission Integration, St. John Health System & President, St. John Villas, Tulsa, Okla.

2008-2017: Assistant General Superior, Rome, Italy

2015-2017: Ad Interim Delegate (along with Assistant General Superior), Oshkosh

2018-2023: General Superior, Rome, Italy

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

What advice would you give someone considering a religious vocation?

The time that my faith was both strengthened and tested was when my Congregation called me to serve as the General Superior in our international Congregation. This would require me to move to Rome, let go of the familiar, to embark on a journey of both communal and personal conversion. My call was, "To go with Mary in haste to a new land." (Luke 1:39). During my term my faith was also strengthened by uniting all parts of the congregation during the Corona Virus Pandemic which stranded me outside of Rome.

Taste and
See the
Goodness
of the Lord