



Sr. Leonette Kochan, OSF

60th Jubilee

Religious Community: Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

Home Parish: St. Anne Parish, Francis Creek

Current Residence/Role: Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc; Administrative Councilor, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

Ministry to Diocese:

1966-1974: Teacher, St. Philip School, Green Bay

1964-1978: Teacher, St. Mary School, Algoma

1987-1994: Principal, St. Mary School, Kaukauna

1994-1995: Principal, Holy Cross School, Kaukauna

2002-2004: Director of Education, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc

2019-Present: Administrative Councilor, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc

Ministry Elsewhere:

1978-1980: Teacher, Immaculate Conception School, Yuma, Ariz.

1980-1987: Principal, Immaculate Conception School, Yuma, Ariz.

1995-1999: Principal, St. Nicholas School, Zanesville, Ohio

1999-2002: Principal, St. Agnes School, Mingo Junction, Ohio

2004-2013: Principal, Santa Cruz School, Tucson, Ariz.

2013-2014: Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Tucson, Ariz.

2014-2019: Coordinator of the Office of Human Life and Dignity, Diocese of Tucson, Ariz.

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

What advice would you give someone considering a religious vocation?

I cannot pinpoint a specific experience that confirmed my vocation as a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity. Loving family support, the generous, faith-filled witness of past and present co-workers, my Franciscan Sisters, and God's merciful presence affirm my vocation, leading me to ask myself, "How can I be more generous, more faithful? My call may seem rather ordinary and maybe that can be consoling to discerners. Decisions might not be prompted by big events. However, God is never ordinary, so if it seems like God is calling, listen, pray, and give religious life a chance. Feel honored by God's prodding.

Taste and
See the
Goodness
of the Lord