



Sr. Marydella Lichtenhahn, SSM

(Sr. Mary Augustine)

70th Jubilee

Religious Community: Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother

Home Parish: Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Wichita, Kan.

Current Residence/Role: Franciscan Courts, Oshkosh; (retired) - Prayer commitment for those working to help victims of human trafficking; For immigrants and organizations involved in helping them re-settle; For the Laudato Si' movement; Other Prayer requests; and doing arts and crafts for the annual bazaar.

Ministry to Diocese:

Feb. 2011-Feb. 2012: Receptionist, SSM Franciscan Courts, Oshkosh

Oct. 2012-May 2013: Catechist, St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, Oshkosh

Oct. 2012: Volunteer Meal Preparer/Server, Day-by-Day Warming Shelter, Oshkosh

Oct. 2012-May 2023: Volunteer Driver, SSM Franciscan Courts, Oshkosh

Ministry Elsewhere:

1954-1975: Teacher in Wisconsin, Kansas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Iowa

Aug. 1975-Jan. 1976: Religious Coordinator, Oklahoma's Eastern Diocese, Elk City, Okla.

Aug. 1977-Sept. 1983: Religious Education Coordinator, St. Michael Parish, Henryetta, Okla.

Oct. 1983-Sept 1986: Local Leader, St. Joseph Local Community, Our Lady of Sorrows, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Jan. 1987-June 1987: Graphic Designer, St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita, Kan.

June 1987-Jan.1988: Production Manager, St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita, Kan.

Jan. 1988-April 1988: Caretaker, St. John Daycare Center, Tulsa, Okla.

April 1988-Jan. 1989: Pastoral Minister/ESL Teacher, St. Michael & St. Anne, Northeast Texas Community College, Pittsburg, Texas

Jan. 1989-Dec. 1989: Director of Religious Education, St. Rose of Lima, Denver, Colo.

Feb. 1993-Sept. 1994: Local Community Leader, Our Lady of Sorrows, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Sept. 1994-Jan. 1995: Diocese Catechetical Coord., St. Catherine's School, Jamaica, West Indies

Sept. 1996-April 1997: Driver & Part-time receptionist, Our Lady of Sorrows, Broken Arrow, Okla.

April 1997-April 2007: Pastoral Care, St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, Okla.

April 1997-Aug. 2007: Local Leader, Sophia Local Community, Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Dec. 2007-Dec. 2008: Local Leader, St. Joseph Local Community, St. Clare Convent, Broken Arrow, Okla.

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

What advice would you give someone considering a religious vocation?

When I was 10, Sisters came to my parish to teach Catechism, it was my first encounter seeing Religious Sisters, their goodness and demeanor was very impressive. I thought I would like to be like them. At 15, I took a job in Wichita, Kansas at that time, St. Francis Hospital where Sisters worked. Again, I was very impressed by their humbleness, friendliness and spirituality. Eventually, I joined their Order in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. My vocation called for much discernment, prayer and trusting guidance by the Holy Spirit.

Taste and
See the
Goodness
of the Lord