

Sister Helen Reilly, SSND – 60 Year Jubilee!



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I am the oldest of three girls born to Marge O'Toole and Neal Reilly. All three of us were born in Brooklyn, New York.

When I was 11, our family moved to Baltimore, Maryland. Dad became the manager of the Baltimore News Company which was the reason for the move.

It was the first time I attended a Catholic school, and the first time I was introduced to the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

In 1958, I graduated from Corpus Christi Elementary school and became a student at IND, graduating from there in 1962.

On September 8, I arrived at Villa Assumpta, in the former Baltimore Province, with 50 other young women. I would remain there in formation for four years.

When I began my first mission in 1965, my name was Marie Cornell.

I taught Kindergarten through Third Grade in West Virginia; Frederick, Maryland; Ellicott City, Maryland; Elkridge, Maryland; Baltimore and Washington DC.

I retired 2018 from Catonsville, Maryland.

Sister Patricia Ann Warnick and I lived together for 33 years in Washington and in a small house in Hampden, Maryland.

After Pat's death in 2021, I remained in the house for a year while volunteering in Highland Town (an area in Baltimore) and Zooming with second graders in Florida.

Covid 19 brought many retirement dreams to an end.

I now have come full circle, living again at Villa Assumpta in the Atlantic-Midwest Province as Helen Reilly.

