Diane McHugh was one of five siblings born in Providence, Rhode Island to parents Margaret Mary and Peter Joseph McHugh, both natives. She and her twin sister, Donna, were baptized at Holy Name Church.

The twins attended Holy Name, taught by SSND for nine years. Sister Diane, in her autobiography said it was during the years at Holy Name “that I first felt the desire to serve our Lord as a School Sister of Notre Dame.” She added, “My longing to be a School Sister of Notre Dame continued to grow until in my senior year I wrote and was accepted as a candidate in 1957.” Diane professed first vows on July 25, 1959 in Baltimore.

Sister Diane ministered as a teacher and educator for more than a half century in Catholic schools in N.Y., Connecticut and Massachusetts. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 1969.

She currently resides at Villa Notre Dame in Wilton, Connecticut and ministers in prayer and presence.