Sister Mary Leonora Tucker, SSND - 60 Year Jubilee!

Noreen Tucker was born on July 23 in Brooklyn, N.Y., one of three siblings to parents, Nora Catherine O’Sullivan from Kenmare Co. Kerry, Ireland and Leon Wilkes Tucker from Spartanburg, South Carolina. Two weeks later she was baptized at St. Saviour Church.

Noreen entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore in September 1957. She was given the name “Mary Leonora” and professed first vows on July 25, 1959.

For the first twenty-five years of her ministry, in addition to serving as a local leader at St. Thomas More in Connecticut for four years, Sister Leonora ministered as a teacher and administrator at Catholic schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut. In 1984, Sister Leonora set sail for St. Philomena in Zwedru, Liberia where she taught and served as co-coordinator of the

She came back to the U.S. and then went on to spend another year in Liberia, ten years in Ghana, and then returned to Ghana for another decade, ministering as the assistant headmistress of Notre Dame Secondary School in Sunyani. In 2011, Sister Leonora returned to the U.S., volunteered, and taught at the SSND sponsored Caroline House. She currently serves as a volunteer in the SSND development office in Wilton, Connecticut where she has been serving since 2012.

Sister Leonora on the left, talking with Sisters Robert Marie Moser (center), Coordinator of Technology and Provincial Councillor Deborah Cerullo (right).