Sister Rose Mary Sander, SSND - 60 Year Jubilee!

Rose Mary Sander was born on June 3 in Wilkie, Saskatchewan, one of seven siblings to parents, Rose Wandler from Alberta and Joseph Sander from Germany. Rose Mary was baptized two weeks later at St. James Church. Rose Mary entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame on August 25, 1957 at Waterdown, Ontario and professed first vows on July 30, 1959.

For the first 15 years of her ministry, Sister Rose Mary served as an elementary and secondary teacher in Catholic schools in Ontario and Alberta, Canada. During that time, she also traveled to Bolivia and taught elementary school at St. Andrew in La Paz for two years. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from McMaster University in 1971.

In 1987, Sister Rose Mary earned her master’s in Pastoral Counseling from St. Paul University. She ministered for five years as pastoral associate at St. Mary in Owen Sound, Ontario, the last three years at Villa El Salvador in Lima, Peru. From 1992 – 2000, Sister Rose Mary served as provincial leader of the Province of Canada. She then ministered for three years in a Latina community in London, England. Upon her return, she provided spiritual counseling at renewal centers in Winnipeg, Manitoba before serving as the Shalom North America branch representative at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown, Ontario.