

Sister Mary Josine Perez, SSND - 60 Year Jubilee!



Florence Perez was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on October 6, one of two siblings born to parents Alice Strhleln and Joseph Perez, both natives of Brooklyn. When Florence was three, her parents moved to District Heights, Maryland. She was enrolled in the public school and received weekly catechetical instruction from SSND. In the sixth grade she was enrolled in Mount Calvary School. Sister Mary Josine writes in her autobiography, "During the seventh and eighth grade, impressed by the sisters, I felt a desire to serve God."

Florence enter the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1957 at Mt. Calvary in Forestville, Maryland. She professed first vows in 1959 in Baltimore and received the name Mary Josine.

Sister Mary Josine ministered as a teacher, administrator, director of Religious Education and as a Parish Education Minister for more than half a century in Catholic schools in Baltimore City and in Florida in West Hollywood, St. Petersburg, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.



Sister Mary Josine earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education at Notre Dame of Maryland University in 1976 and in 1973 a Master of Education in Education-Reading from Loyola University of Maryland. In 1978, Sister Mary Josine received her Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Barry University. She currently ministers in prayer and presence at Sacred Heart Parish in Punta Gorda.



Sister Mary Josine is on the right, in blue, sitting next to Sister Jubilarian Mary Ann Hartnett