

Sister Lillian Corriveau, SSND - 60 Year Jubilee!



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When considering the best thing about being an SSND, memories of my ministry in multiple countries comes to mind: the US, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Chile, Kenya and Ghana.

I had the opportunity to learn different cultures, especially different ways of thinking and different ways of doing. For example, in Latin cultures, different thinking about politeness teaches that one never says “no” directly to another person. Rather the speaker finds a polite positive response such as “I will certainly be there” (even though they will not).

The background of my family was migration from Canada to Connecticut, so I grew up in a family that spoke French. It has been the Spanish that I learned for ministry that has been useful for most of my life. Even in the United States, as a hospice chaplain, I was called upon to translate for those who only spoke Spanish.

Puerto Rico was one of the centers for charismatic renewal for Latin America. In the little mountaintop town of Aguas Buenas, I grew in the life of the Spirit, feeling as if I was taken by the Spirit. My life was centered in God as never before and this centering has continued to grow all through my life.

I am grateful to SSND for the opportunities of growth and of challenge and for the love of the Sisters.

