

Sister Mary Thérèse Feeley, SSND – 70 Year Jubilee!



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Three Sisters influenced my path.

My introduction to SSND as a 7th grader happened during my transition from a parish school to the School of the Cathedral in downtown Baltimore.

My homeroom and English teacher was Sister Norice Sullivan, (pictured right) the youngest Sister on the faculty. While she taught all the required subjects with enthusiasm and clarity, English prose was her favorite. She strove to enable us to write with correctness, style, and imagination.



Her weekly plan was this: she presented a topic on Monday, replete with suggestions and examples. We explored the topic together. We presented our drafts to each other. We listened and offered feedback, which we incorporated into our second drafts.

We shared second drafts on Wednesday, once again for critique. We corrected and rewrote our papers over the weekend for submission the following Monday.

Apart from her teaching prowess, I viewed Sister Norice as a happy and contented woman. I found her exceedingly open and eager to learn. Her black bookbag always contained printed matter for class preparation, as well as leisure reading material. She glowed when she spoke of leisure reading!

Sister Norice was bright, friendly, exceedingly open, and more than just content with life. I wanted to emulate and influence as she did! *Cont'd...*

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Sr. Helen Marie Duffy

I practiced doing that with my many nieces and nephews. They loved to play school, and I enjoyed teaching them. I knew that I could help them learn and have a positive influence on them as well.

Then there was Sister Helen Marie Duffy, my sophomore biology teacher. This tall, fast-walking, quick-talking woman was responsible for the annual Gym Meet.

We appreciated her generosity, diligence, and whole-hearted approach to life.

Imagine how happy I was when she asked if I would be a counselor for the younger children at The Saint Vincent de Paul Camp the summer of 1951!

Finally, Sister Regina Stella Maris Burgan (pictured right) may have had the most influence on my decision to enter SSND.

She saw in me something that needed development, and generously gave of her time as she continuously urged me to be and do more.



Sister Regina was a bridge enthusiast. She had sophisticated taste in Music and the Arts. She earned her Master's Degree in Theology at Villanova University, and her Master's of Literature at Catholic University.



The Feeley Sisters' Parents

These three Sisters had a tremendous impact on my young life. For these reasons, and with my parents' support, I happily entered the SSND candidature the summer I graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory School.