

# Sister Ruth Loretta McPherson, SSND – 60 Year Jubilee!



*“I attributed this  
to the Holy Spirit...”*

My first encounter with teaching Sisters was in San Fernando Mission, CA, in first grade. As I was stepping into the classroom, I told Aunt Peggy I was going to be one of them when I grew up. I attributed this to the Holy Spirit at the age of six.

I met other teaching Sisters in the different grade schools I attended. In Washington DC, I attended Mount Calvary School, and met the School Sisters of Notre Dame. I attended St. Francis Xavier in Washington DC from the fourth grade through the eighth grade with the Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur.

My sixth-grade teacher, Sister Mary Saint John, gave us an assignment:

*Boys and girls, here are pamphlets for you to take home. Go through them at home. Think, boys, about the priesthood, and the different orders of priests. Girls, you think about which congregation might interest you.*

I only knew about the teaching Sisters I had met: Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

I met the School Sisters of Notre Dame again at St. Mary in Washington D.C. in my freshman year of high school. I attended their high school, Villa Regina Academy, in Baltimore. The high school's purpose was to educate those girls who were interested in becoming a School Sister of Notre Dame. I liked that idea. I entered September 8th.

One of the reasons I picked the School Sisters of Notre Dame was because Blessed Theresa's birthday fell on my own birthday.

I thought God was telling me something at the age of 14!