

February 19, 2018

**Sister Clare Marie Cato, SSND
Teacher and podiatric minister**

Chatawa, Mississippi – Sister Clare Marie Cato, SSND, died January 31, 2018, at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi. She was 93, and a former teacher and podiatric minister.

The funeral mass was celebrated February 6 at St. Mary of the Pines, followed by burial at the Chatawa Cemetery.

Sister Clare Marie was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1942 and professed final vows in 1945.

She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mount St. Mary's College and a master's degree in elementary education from the University of California in Los Angeles.

Sister Clare Marie began teaching first grade at a public school in Teutopolis, Illinois. She spent nine years in California teaching elementary school children in Los Angeles, San Diego and Pico-Rivera. She then spent 13 years in Texas teaching at St. Peter's School, Fort Worth; Mount Carmel, Houston; and St. Gerard's, San Antonio. She also taught at St. Phillip Neri School in Metairie, Louisiana.

After 44 years of teaching, Sister Clare Marie served as a podiatric minister at St. Mary of the Pines, interning under Sister Mary Omer. After Sister Mary's death three years later, Sister Clare Marie became the sole podiatric minister. Since the early 2000s, she has served in prayer and presence.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 3167 Old Highway 51 S, Osyka, MS 39657-7056 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

