

March 27, 2018

Sister Mary Jo Hofmeier
Teacher, religious education director and missionary

Chatawa, Mississippi – Sister Mary Jo Hofmeier, SSND, died Saturday, March 3, at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi. She was 96, and served as a teacher, religious education director and missionary.

A prayer service was held on March 9 at St. Mary of the Pines followed by the funeral mass. Burial was in the Chatawa Cemetery.

Sister Mary Jo was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia. She professed her final vows in 1944.

She received degrees from Webster College in St. Louis, Xavier University in New Orleans, San Diego College for Women and Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans.

Sister Mary Jo was a schoolteacher in Conway, Arkansas; Tyler, Texas; New Orleans; St. Louis; San Diego; and Albuquerque. She served as the principal at San Jose in Albuquerque and St. Phillip Neri in Metairie, Louisiana.

Later, she became the associate director of the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. In the mid-1970s, Sister Mary Jo served on pastoral teams in Plano, Duncanville and Texarkana, Texas, helping these parishes develop lay leaders.

Sister Mary Jo went to Ghana where she organized catechesis for teachers, catechists and for seminarians throughout the Archdiocese of Accra. After her return to the States, she volunteered with parishes in San Antonio and ministered to the elderly at a retirement community in Sun City, Arizona. In 2007, she retired to St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa.

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