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**Sister Marie Inez Bocklage, SSND
Teacher, missionary, provincial leader, counselor**

St. Louis – Sister Marie Inez Bocklage, SSND, died Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Anna House in Bridgeton, Missouri. She was 76, and a former teacher, missionary, provincial leader and counselor.

The funeral Mass was celebrated April 25 at School Sisters of Notre Dame Theresa Center chapel in south St. Louis County. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Sister Marie Inez was born in Washington, Missouri. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1959, professed first vows in 1961, and final vows in 1966.

She earned a B.S. in biology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1963, and a master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, in 1972.

Sister Marie Inez served as a teacher for two years at St. Anthony High School, Effingham, Illinois, and for eight years at Cardinal Stritch High School, Keokuk, Iowa. In 1973, Sister Marie Inez was one of the first four SSNDs to go to Sierra Leone. She taught at Yengema Secondary School for seven years. After her return to the U.S. and a sabbatical, she served as an administrator at the former St. Louis motherhouse for two years. She returned to Sierra Leone in 1983, serving as a postulant directress and teacher in the town of Kabala. In 1987, she was elected provincial leader of the former St. Louis province. From 1994-2000, she was a counselor at Catholic Family Counseling Services in St. Louis. In 2000, she went to Nigeria, where she served in education and counseling. She returned to the U.S. in 2005 and performed community service at the former St. Louis motherhouse until she was missioned to Anna House in 2010.

Sister Marie Inez is survived by her brother, George Bocklage, of Washington, Missouri, and her sister, Sharon Bocklage of St. Louis. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 E Ripa, St. Louis, MO 63125 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

