

January 19, 2019

**Sister Joann Bauer, SSND
Teacher, administrator, tutor, bookkeeper**

St. Louis – Sister Joann Bauer, SSND, died at Sancta Maria in Ripa, on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. She was 75 and a former teacher, administrator, tutor and bookkeeper.

The funeral Mass was celebrated January 12 at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis. Burial was in Sancta Maria in Ripa Cemetery, St. Louis.

Sister Joann was born in Belleville, Illinois. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1961. She professed first vows in 1963 and final vows in 1968.

She received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1965, and a master's degree in mathematics from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, in 1973.

Sister Joann taught elementary children at St. Peter Grade School, Jefferson City, Missouri, and St. Michael, Shrewsbury, Missouri. She taught math and science for 11 years at St. Anthony High School, Effingham, Illinois; Aquinas High School, Fort Madison, Iowa; and Bishop Conaty High School, Los Angeles. She was principal for 14 years at St. Anthony High School, Effingham, Illinois; Bishop Conaty High School, Los Angeles; and consolidated Bishop Conaty/Our Lady of Loretto High School, Los Angeles. After a sabbatical, Sister Joann taught at Dolores Alternative School, Monterey Park, California, for a year. After a year of volunteer service in St. Louis, she taught children with special needs at Soledad Enrichment Action in Los Angeles.

For 12 years, Sister Joann served at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). She was chosen by the LACOE as teacher of the year in 2003. Sister Joann also taught an independent study program for the Division of Alternative Education in Downey, California. She returned to the St. Louis area in 2011, spending her time tutoring; teaching part-time at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Illinois; and working in the finance office at Sancta Maria in Ripa.

Sister Joann is survived by her siblings Jane York, Belleville, Illinois; Catherine Rakowski, Bremen, Illinois; Mary Beth Clement, Gurnee, Illinois; Robert Bauer, Norman, Oklahoma; Paul Bauer, Greenwood Villiage, Colorado; Stephen Bauer, Aurora, Illinois; and Gerard Bauer, Decatur, Illinois; her aunt Sister Joan Schaefer, SSND, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Margaret Mary Carlson and Sister Virginia Bauer, OSF.

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>.

