

September 12, 2019

**Sister Marie Christine Hippler, SSND
Teacher**

Chatawa, Mississippi – Sister Marie Christine Hippler, SSND, 67, Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in Metairie, Louisiana. In her SSND ministry, she served as a teacher of middle and upper grades.

Morning Prayer for Sister Marie Christine and visitation was at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July, 2019 at St. Teresa Church in Chatawa, Mississippi. The Eucharistic Celebration followed at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suresh Thirumalareddy was the celebrant. She was buried in the cemetery in Chatawa, Mississippi.

Sister Marie Christine was born Rita Hippler on February 7, 1931 in New Orleans. She was the youngest of the three daughters of Joseph and Christine (Wursteisen) Hippler. She had an older and a younger brother.

Sister Christine was part of a group of six young women from one parish who entered the candidature of the congregation at one time. After they graduated from Redemptorist High School in 1947, the six women received the candidate bonnets in the school's chapel. The six women continued their education at Notre Dame College in St. Louis and were received into the congregation where Rita was given her mother's name, Christine. She professed her vows in 1950.

She became an educator of youth in middle and upper grades in St. Louis, then in New Orleans at St. Gabriel School and Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Later, she taught at Marrero, Louisiana, at Immaculate Conception and Visitation schools, and in Brookhaven, Mississippi. Sister Christine joined the staff of Redeemer High School in New Orleans in 1982. Sister Christine was on the staff at Redeemer until Hurricane Katrina caused the closing of the school in 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Shirley Trosclair, and her brother Joseph. She is survived by her sister, Mae Leaveau of New Orleans, and her brother of Whittier, California.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, School Sisters of Notre Dame, 320 East Ripa Avenue St. Louis, MO 63125 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

