

November 13, 2019

Sister Elvira Marie Zozaya
Teacher; secretary

St. Louis, Missouri – Sister Elvira Marie Zozaya, 84, passed away peacefully at St. John of God Retirement and Care Center, Los Angeles, California on October 29, 2019

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John of God on November 9, 2019, with Monsignor John Woolway as presider. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Los Angeles, California.

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 1934, the seventh child was born to Elvira (Romo) and Emanuel Zozaya in Los Angeles, California. She was baptized on February 23, 1935, at Monte Carmelo in Los Angeles.

On August 24, 1952, she received the candidate's bonnet in a private ceremony in the SSND chapel at Santa Isabel, Los Angeles. She was received into the novitiate on August 1, 1953, and given the name Elvira Marie. She professed first vows on August 2, 1954, and final vows on August 2, 1960.

Sister Elvira Marie taught primary children at St. Rita and St. Jude Academy, San Diego, California; St. Anthony, Effingham, Illinois and St. Anthony, Quincy, Illinois; St. Marianne de Paredes, Pico Rivera, California. After a year of studies, she taught secondary students at Instituto Notre Dame, El Progreso, Honduras for two years and at Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Lima Nueva, Honduras for three years. Following a sabbatical, she taught at St. Jude Academy, San Diego, California for four years. She was a pastoral minister for eight years at St. Marianne de Paredes, Pico Rivera, California.

Sister Elvira Marie ministered as a psychotherapist at the Gary Center, Los Angeles for one year, was a counselor for Catholic Charities, Los Angeles for two years. She was an ESL teacher at El Rancho Adult School and Precision Wire Products, Inc. in Santa Fe Springs, California. She concluded her active ministry by doing volunteer services at St. Pius X Church, Santa Fe Springs and pastoral counseling at St. Alphonsus in Los Angeles.

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

