

2025 Jubilee

SISTER NANCY McNEMAR

First Profession



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Celebrating 60 years



Upon earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Dallas in Dallas, Texas, **Sister Nancy McNemar** then entered into her first, and only, teaching role for Christ the King School in Corpus Christi, Texas. It wasn't long until she found a calling in pastoral ministry, and soon embarked on the first of several positions devoted to this work. Her first pastoral ministry role took her to St. James in Coolidge, Arizona, for four years, followed by another four years in pastoral ministry for Assumption in Florence, Arizona. She closed out the 1970s by serving as a staff member at School Sisters of Notre Dame in Irving, Texas.

1980 found her once again serving in pastoral ministry, this time for Holy Spirit in Duncanville, Texas. In 1984, she moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where she spent 12 years as a program director for the Diocese of Jackson. Of this time she recalls, "I was hired by the Diocese of Jackson, which covered 39,000 square miles with 75 parishes and 30 missions. I worked with and educated pastors, RENEW participants and their leaders, directed parish and diocesan pastoral planning. I was the first woman department head and worked with facilitating systemic change regarding women, Church and racial issues." In 1997, she spent a year on staff at the Dallas Province, and then offered another five years in service as a pastoral associate for St. Luke Catholic Church in Thibodaux, Louisiana. From 2005-2019, Sister Nancy lived in Mississippi, serving in various volunteer and community service capacities, including for St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa. Since 2019, she has been living in Covington, Louisiana, where she divides her time and talents between community service and prayer and presence.

Please share a brief reflection on a ministry experience that was especially meaningful to you and why.

My Arizona mission was the most lively. At the age of 22, I was in charge of the parish. I learned so much about ministry, projects and community building.

Is there a special memory you would like to share as you celebrate your Jubilee?

I had a wonderful time, I had wonderful years being an SSND.

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