Sister Beverly Hindson grew up in Marine City, Mich., where she and her two younger siblings were all taught by the IHM Sisters at Holy Cross School.

Sister Bev sensed her vocation as an adolescent. She attended daily Mass and was drawn to the wonderful, talented, compassionate IHM Sisters who were also great teachers. “I think they saw the IHM vocation in me,” she says.

She joined the IHMs right after high school and after making first vows, Sister Bev attended Wayne State University for degrees in English and library science. When she graduated, she worked at Immaculata High School for six years, becoming the head of the library. During that time, she completed her master’s degree in library science from Wayne State.

Three incidents altered Sister Bev’s life. On two separate occasions, two of her students had siblings who died violently; another student’s mother blew up her house with the student’s sister still in the house. The pain caused Sister Bev to change direction in her ministry.

She started clinical pastoral education at the University of Michigan Hospital and specialized in patients with cancer. After her training, she served at Vista Maria Residential Treatment Center, where she worked with children out of the court systems. Sister Bev then ministered at Mercy Hospital in Port Huron, Mich., for two years before going to work at Children’s Hospital of Michigan, where she served for 32 years. There, she worked in the ICU and the emergency room, but specialized in working with children who had cancer and has run a bereavement group for 22 years.

While at Children’s, the story broke about the clergy abuse of children. For a year, she worked directly with the victims of this abuse and then, for the next eight years, she served as consultant for the Archdiocesan Review Board.

Sister Bev’s experience at Children’s taught her that her “faith is very deep. And no matter what, God is always with us. God is in every person I meet. My task is to discover that ... how they mirror that image of God.”

Twenty years ago, Sister Bev began inviting ICU nurses for a weekend away from the hospital to do whatever they found relaxing. They bring cards, spend time scrapbooking - some even bring sewing machines. They build community and enjoy each other’s company. Sister Bev has hobbies of reading and making greeting cards she calls Nun’s Works.
She notes that meeting people in their most difficult moments after the loss of a child has been what she has most treasured. “I am most grateful for the tremendous trust that has been put in me in my ministry,” she says.

She is deeply committed to Gospel values, social justice and sustainability and is grateful for her IHM vocation - 50 years of service to God in community.