

Kathie Budesky's mom was born in Warsaw, Poland; her dad, in Iselin, Pa. Kathie was born and raised in Detroit and attended St. Francis de Sales school for 12 years where she was introduced to IHMs.

She entered the IHM congregation in August 1967 and was received the following June. Her final profession was on April 29, 1978.

She earned her bachelor's degree in theology and history from Loyola University of Chicago. She holds master's degrees in the teaching of history from the University of Illinois at Chicago and in religious studies/spirituality from the Institute in Creation-Centered Spirituality (ICCS) at Mundelein College. In addition, she has participated in National Endowment for the Humanities seminars at Yale, Harvard and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. In 1987, she was a Fulbright Scholar in Israel.

Her first assignment as an IHM was at Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Westchester, Ill., where she taught history and social studies for five years.

Kathie returned to Michigan, to serve at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills. There, she played numerous roles. She was an administrative intern and social studies teacher for a year; she taught social studies and worked as the scheduling coordinator for another year; and for two years, she ministered as the associate principal.



After a sabbatical year at Mundelein College, she served one year as the administrative assistant for the ICCS. After Mundelein, Kathie spent the next 14 years at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, teaching religious studies and serving as department chair for eight of those years.

Under her leadership, the department revised its curriculum and developed a unique religious education program. In 1986, the senior class selected Kathie as "Teacher of the Year." In addition, she was chair of the staff development committee, coordinator of adult faith development and a member of the Chicago Province Ignatian Methods Team.

Kathie was the principal of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis for four years before she returning to her beloved St. Ignatius and the religious studies classroom for three more years.

She served as principal of Marian High School for six years. Her focus then turned to adult learners. After six months as associate director at Visitation North Spirituality Center, she became the director and has served in that capacity since 2010.

On her page in the IHM Book of Life, Kathie has written, "Thank you for inspiring me to be the best that I can be."



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