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I often feel that my life has come full circle. Seventy years ago, I first walked through the front door of 610 W. Elm Avenue to enter the IHM congregation. Today, I reside once again at that same address, now as part of the Senior Living Community. This return feels deeply symbolic — a reminder of God's quiet faithfulness woven through the many seasons of my life.



I was born and raised on Detroit's East Side, where faith, family and parish life shaped my earliest years.

I attended St. Catherine's, St. Raymond's and Girls Catholic Central High School, places where my love for learning and service were nurtured. These early experiences laid the foundation for my call to religious life and my desire to serve others through ministry.



Act I: Younger years – Education as ministry

My early years in community were devoted to the ministry of education. I taught junior high and high school students in Detroit, Chicago and Albuquerque, finding great joy in the classroom. Teaching was more than a profession — it was a ministry of presence, encouragement and faith formation.



Act II: Middle years –

A new direction in service

As Catholic schools began to close, I had to reimagine my ministry. With trust in God's guidance, I made a significant career change and entered the field of nursing. This transition led me to follow the sun, serving in Florida, California and New Mexico. In health care, I discovered new ways to live out compassion and service. I was blessed with opportunities in medical/surgical, psychiatric and geriatric nursing, including supervisory roles that challenged and enriched me both professionally and personally. These years broadened my understanding of healing and deepened my appreciation for the dignity of every person.

Act III: Elder years – returning home

Returning to full community life in my elder years has been both a gift and a challenge. Adjusting to new rhythms and limitations has required patience, humility and grace. Yet, it has also offered time for reflection, gratitude and renewed connection with my sisters.

I can say with confidence that my life has been full and rich, with very few regrets. I am deeply grateful to the IHM community for its unwavering support, encouragement and trust throughout my ministries. Through every act of my life's story, God has been present, guiding me home again.