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I was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. When I was three, my father was transferred to Ann Arbor, where I attended St. Thomas the Apostle School and was introduced to



the IHM community. My only memory of my First Communion was continual rehearsal and I still laugh when I recall that Monsignor Peak corrected me for making the sign of the cross using my left hand! My father's next transfer took our family to Lansing and then to Detroit, where I graduated from Immaculata High School. In September 1955, I entered the IHM community. My formation



took place before the Second Vatican Council, but I was blessed to be among visionary women who embraced its call. That transition was not easy, yet it shaped us into ministers of depth, adaptability and integrity. Even in uncertain times, we learned quickly

and served faithfully.



After completing my college courses, I began my teaching career. I taught in a variety of schools, including St. John Vianney in Highland Park, Michigan; St. Charles Borromeo in Detroit; and St. Raymond in Detroit. Later, when I was assigned to Chicago, I ministered at St. Felicitas and at Immaculate Heart of Mary

High School in Westchester, Illinois. Following the Second Vatican Council, I felt called and was invited to serve in pastoral ministry, including liturgy, adult formation and Christian service. My first assignment was in the Diocese of Lansing, where I developed neighborhood churches (base communities). Later, I moved to Saginaw, where the diocese was experimenting with a five-parish team.

In response to a mission request from the IHM

community, I prepared by studying language in Guatemala and then ministered in Puerto Rico with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, continuing parish work in liturgy and Christian service.

My brother-in-law died suddenly in 1980, so I spent that summer with my sister. I took a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and began preparation for certification as a hospital chaplain. When my father retired, my parents moved to Florida. In the mid-80s, my father developed Parkinson's disease, and I moved to Florida to be with them. There, I continued parish ministry at St. Clement Parish in Plant City, Florida. When my parents later returned to Michigan, I did as well. At that time, I began ministry at the Visitation House of Prayer in Monroe, where I trained and became a certified spiritual director. After 10 years, I joined the IHM Motherhouse Pastoral Care Department, later serving on the administrative team and as director.

Since retiring in 2013, I have continued to volunteer in pastoral care, spiritual direction and hospital visitation. I now live at the Motherhouse, and it remains a privilege to serve the community in whatever way I can. I am grateful for my many opportunities in education, ministry and service to the congregation, and I take pride in the IHM community as it moves forward.