



Roberta Winkels

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60 years in religious life (1962-2022)

25 years in SFCC (1997-2022)

Roberta was a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) for 35 years. She served both as a primary and secondary grades teacher and principal 1964-1969. Roberta earned a BA in Education, English and Spanish. She also holds the Master's equivalency in Spirituality.

Roberta was very excited to volunteer when SSND was invited to open a mission in Guatemala in collaboration with the Spokane, Washington diocese (1969). Following a training course, Roberta went to Guatemala where she worked and lived with Herlinda Pop, a native Guatemalan) in pastoral family ministry. Their task was to stabilize family life where poverty, drug addiction, alcohol abuse and violence were rampant. Roberta has remained in Guatemala until the present day (1969-2022).

Roberta requested exlaustration from the SSNDs in 1991. She was affirmed into SFCC by the WEB Region in 1997. Herlinda Pop was also affirmed into SFCC at the same time. Herlinda died in 2018, leaving Roberta to move forward with the ministry they had shared for nearly 50 years!



Erlinda and Roberta

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