

Sister Lupita Marie Cordero, SSND -60 Year Jubilee!



A lifelong teacher & servant of God.

Lupita Marie Cordero remembers feeling called to religious life twice during her childhood.

The first time happened as she prepared for her first sacraments with the School Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Benedict's grade school near Chicago.

She was just 7 years old, but knew she wanted to be "like the Sisters who were so kind to me." By 10, she had told her family she wanted to become a Sister.

"We had a big church at St. Benedict's. They had the high Mass, which was sung. I liked it there, because the Sisters sang, and they sang like angels. I wanted to sing like them."

The second time was more intense. Lupita was sitting in class. She was 13.

"I was listening to Sister teach, and just for an instant I wasn't there. God called me again, and I had an intense desire to teach everybody how much God loved us."

Sister Lupita followed through with her desire, making her profession in 1963.

Now retired, Sister Lupita's ministry is one of prayer and presence. She also volunteers at Corazón a Corazón in Blue Island, Illinois, teaching English as a second language.

While getting anywhere has become a struggle for her since going blind thanks to an eye disease, she has her trusty seeing-eye dog to assist her, and she's not complaining. Her attitude is that of a lifelong teacher and servant of God.

"I want to help others see what it is to be blind and still walk with the Lord. It's scary being out there and not being able to see, but there is a trust and a grace that God gives you."

Areas of Ministry:

Chicago-area Elementary Schools

1965 - 1973 & 1983 - 1998: Teacher

1973 - 1979: Administrator,
St. Procopius, Chicago, IL

Corazón a Corazón, Blue Island, IL

2003 - 2006: Director

2006 - 2013: ESL Director

2013 - Present: Volunteer