

Sister Gloria Shuffer entered the Missionary Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (aka Pallottine Sisters) in West Virginia in 1964. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology, Chemistry, and Education in 1973 from Marillac Sisters' College in St. Louis, MO. Her ministries included teaching science and religion at St. Angela Merici Elementary School in Florissant, Missouri and later at St. Mary's Elementary School in Spring Lake, Michigan.

Sister Gloria transferred to the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in 1979 where she taught science, religion and served as assistant principal of **St. Mary's High School** in O'Neill, NE. In 1981, Sister was transferred to and served as vice principal at Marycrest High School in Denver, Colorado. In 1983, Sister Gloria earned her Master of Arts in Private School Administration from the University of San Francisco. In 1984, she returned to St. Mary's in O'Neill where she taught biology and served as the principal until 1992. St. Mary's is a fully accredited high school, and in 1988 was awarded the National Exemplary School Award and designated as a Blue-Ribbon school.

In 1992, Sister Gloria started her studies for her Doctor of Education in Private School Administration at the University of San Francisco. While studying, Sister also taught high school theology and served as academic dean at Woodside Priory in Portola Valley, California. She completed her doctoral studies in the spring of 1996 and was elected Provincial Minister for Sacred Heart Province of the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister served in that position for eight years. During that time, together with Sisters Kathy Zochol, Agnesmarie Sleight, Rita Cammack, Mary Joy Peter, Karen Crouse, and Judy Leal, who made up the provincial council, Sister Gloria oversaw the building of Marycrest Assisted Living on the grounds of the former Marycrest High School; the sale of St. Joseph's Hospital in Minot, North Dakota; St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill, Nebraska; and of Our Lady of the Angels Hospital and assisted living facility in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.

In 2005, Sister Gloria's dad died, and she returned to El Paso, Texas to companion her mom. While in El Paso, Sister worked as a science and religion teacher at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Grade School (OLA) before retiring. During that time, she also served on the board of Nazareth Hall, a nursing home in El Paso.

Sister Gloria's mom died in 2016 at the age of 91. Sister returned to Denver in November of 2019. She currently serves as director of the **[Associate Program](#)** and is a Provincial Council Member.

Sister Gloria is grateful to have been called to follow St. Francis and Mother Magdalen Daemon as a Sister of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity and like them, she believes that where there is love, there is service, and if there is no service, there is no love.

