



Name: Rose Jean Powers, OSU

Hometown: Cloverport, Ky.

Entrance Date: Sept. 8, 1961

Profession Date: Aug. 14, 1962

Temporal Profession: Aug. 15, 1964

Final Profession: Aug. 15, 1969

Educational background: Bachelors of Science: History and Masters of Science: History.

Ministry Background: Teacher, College Instructor, Assistant Professor of History, Director of Residential Life, Local Superior at Motherhouse, and Campus Minister.

Present Ministry: Bookstore Assistant and Sacristan for the Brescia Chapel at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky.



Interests and Hobbies: Enjoy reading mysteries, attending Brescia sports events, card playing with other sisters, and volunteering when available with the Police Department's Citizens Academy Alumni Group, Owensboro Associates, and Habitat for Humanity.

Favorite book or author: Favorite spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen. Popular writers, Tony Hillerman, James Patterson, Patricia Cornwell, Elmore Leonard, Nevada Barr, Francis Dick, Ruth Rendell, Amanda Cross, and Jonathan Kellerman.

Favorite movie: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.



Favorite Scripture passage: *John 14:1-7* “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; otherwise, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Favorite quote of Angela: “May the strength and true consolation of the Holy Spirit be in you all, so that you can sustain and carry out vigorously and faithfully the charge laid upon you.” *Introduction to the Counsels*

What attracted me to the Ursuline Sisters: The association with the Ursulines from the time I was in the first grade through high school. I was particularly influenced by Sisters Joseph Therese Thompson, Charles Emaline Clements, Joseph Marie Williams, Mary Catherine Kuper, and Mary Vincent Thompson. I really didn’t plan to enter the convent. I had hoped to work for the U.S. government in a developing country, but I graduated a few years prior to the Peace Corps and it turned out that the government agency I hoped to work for hired only married couples or single men. Another thing that influenced my desire to reach out to others was the Extension Magazine that found its way to our house from our parish church. I read those faithfully when I was a child, and I may have equated the idea of “mission” in my mind with the “foreign missions” of which my eldest sister was part. My eldest sister, Sister Ann Roberta Powers, SCN, was a missionary in India and had gone there when I was 4 years old. Another sister, Sister Marian Powers, entered the Mount St. Joseph Ursulines when I was about eight. Through part of my high school years, Sister Marian was on mission at St. Raphael’s school (just outside West Louisville) and she and Sister Agnes Leo Newton had to come to Mount Saint Joseph each Saturday to pick up drinking water and groceries for the week. She would make it a point to come over and visit with me each Saturday as I cleaned the MSJ auditorium. Those weekly visits were also probably influential in my visioning of my future with the Ursulines. But ultimately God and I had an argument and He won. I even missed study hall to argue with Him...and Sister Joseph Therese allowed me to be excused to do so. No demerits for missing study hall that time!