



Sr. Bernette Ball, MSC

My twin brother and I were born in Wyoming to Charles and Emma Ball. I lived my high school days in Montana where I graduated from Butte Central High School and was proud to be a rancher.

I entered the Novitiate in 1950 and soon after First Profession in 1952, I began teaching primary grades in Northampton, PA.

After graduating from the University of Dayton in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, I began my missionary assignment in Papua New Guinea. My duties there included teaching in the bush schools on the island of Unea where I encouraged learning in the fields of Math and Reading and an appreciation of the Catholic Faith. I supervised the teachers to do the same and endured tropical heat and torrential rains depending on the seasons. In another area of mission on the island of New Ireland, I taught in a school for native and foreign children.

After fourteen years in foreign missions, I returned to the U.S. and continued teaching in schools in Pennsylvania, Georgia and West Virginia.

By the year 2000 I began working in Pastoral Care, first at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, GA, and then by 2012 in Soboba, San Jacinto, CA among Native Americans on four reservations. I relished teaching the tenets of our Catholic faith and preparing the children on the reservation for first sacraments.

Currently, I live at St. Joseph Villa with many of my fellow Sisters where we practice a very lively prayer ministry.