



Sr. Mary Anne Bigos, MSC

Born and raised in Reading, PA, I belonged to St. Cyril's Parish in Reading where my teachers were Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sister Amanda, who taught me in 5th & 6th grade, introduced me/us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by having the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in our classroom and encouraging us to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament in our parish church which was located across the street from our school.

I was very much influenced by the personal example of Sister Rita Marie (formerly Sister Aretis) who taught me in 7th & 8th grade. Each Saturday morning four of us girls would help clean the sanctuary in church and help the sisters in several ways. One day she asked me if I ever thought of being a Sister.

Although up until eight grade I had wanted to join the Navy, it hit me, why would I want to serve my country when I can serve the Maker of my country! I attended the Sisters' school, Mount St. Michael High School from 1957 – 1961 and then entered the postulancy in the fall of 1961. I have served in various ministries and settings as an MSC Sister. I

have been an elementary School Teacher in St. Henry's, Phila.; St. John's, Allentown; Holy Family, Nazareth; and St. Peter 's Coplay.

I have ministered as Vocation Director, Director of Candidates and Postulants, Novice Director, Director of Temporary Professed Sisters, and Director of On-going Formation of Finally Professed Sisters.

I have served in leadership as a Provincial Councilor, Provincial Superior (twice), General Councilor, and Superior General to our international congregation.



Additionally, I was the Administrator of Sacred Heart Villa, our personal care home in Reading, PA.

I also was honored to serve as a Member of an international committee to revise our Constitutions (International Rule Book of the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus).

I truly have loved every ministry I ever had. It has been a privilege to work with our Sisters here in the USA and in our eighteen other countries. Every ministry I have ever had has prepared me for the next work I was asked to do. God has been very good to me.

One very special contribution to our Province was the study of our Spirituality and Charism through which another provincial councilor and I prepared and conducted a special program involving all the Sisters in our Province in identifying and articulating our Charism Statement: "Being graced by the Love of Christ, we the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart are called to respond to His love and to make that love present to everyone."



Presently, I live in St. Michael Convent, Reading, PA where I am serving as the Coordinator of the Sisters' St. Michael Convent Community, and I also serve as a member of the Provincial Council.