

**Sister Dolorita Lutsie – St. Anthony School, Clarksville, Indiana**  
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When most people look back on their careers, they likely will move once or twice, but few will hit the road as many as eight times. That's not the case for Sister Dolorita Lutsie, who has served in her ministry as an Ursuline Sisters of Louisville in eight different states.

From Mississippi to Maryland to Kentucky, Sister Dolorita has taught Christian Living at every grade level from third to 12th. "I just had the feeling that this is what I was supposed to do," she said while sitting at a small table used by the children at St. Anthony School in Clarksville, Indiana. It's the only Catholic elementary school in Clarksville, which means it's something special.

"I think with the economic crisis right now we have to do more to keep our Catholic schools alive," Sister Dolorita said. "If the Sunday collections go down, things could begin to spiral out of control. Right now, Catholic schools are holding their own but that could change."

Thanks to donors providing financial support, Sister Dolorita is able to do her part to help ease the burden, by volunteering her time at St. Anthony's school library. She helps organize the school's annual book fairs, orders new books, handles the budget and keeps everything in order. She's got plenty of experience in the practice; Sister Dolorita was the librarian at Providence High School for 20 years.

"I like putting things in order. I like things to be arranged. You have to do that in a library," she said.

In addition to her work at St. Anthony, Sister Dolorita provides information on helping the Sisters and Associates learn new ways to "go green" (see box), helps out at Nativity Academy when needed, makes quilts for infants in Appalachia, works in the Ursuline Sisters' library, and is still active at Providence High School.

As for those eight states she worked during her time as a teacher, it seems Sister Dolorita fulfilled her mission in the classroom. Years later, she keeps in touch with several students, including a woman who Sister Dolorita taught as a third grader in the 1960's. It's important to her to stay connected with others. As she put it, "The charism and goals set by the Ursuline Sisters are so important, and I try to find ways to live up to that in my own life and by reaching out to others."

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When the Ursuline Sisters came together in the Summer of 2008, they laid out their "Call and Commitments" for the following six years. One of those was to

“come to a clearer understanding of the meaning of ‘quality of life for all creation’ and work with others for its enhancement.”

The Sisters felt it was important to take steps to protect the environment. Sister Dolorita plays a special role in helping the community fulfill this commitment. Each Friday, she sends out information on ways to recycle, reuse, or reduce waste.