# Sister

# Mary Elise Leiker

FIRST PROFESSION
1953

BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN Munjor, KS

## **EDUCATION**

Fort Hays State College • Hays, KS

Marian University • Fond du Lac, WI – BS in Education

Marquette University • Milwaukee, WI – Master of Arts

Numerous Summer Education Programs

#### MINISTRY SITES

1954 -1959 Presentation Parish School • North Fond du Lac, WI Teacher (Grades 5-7)

1963 -1966 St. Jude Parish School • Wauwatosa, WI – Teacher (Grade 8)

1966 -1983 St. Mary's Springs High School
• Fond du Lac, WI — Teacher (All Levels)

1984 -1990 **Covenant House • New York City, NY** – Liaison to Homeless
School Dropouts

1991 -1993 Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish School • Harlem, NY – Counselor

1994 -2001 **Chelyabinsk, Russia** Missionary

# STORIES FROM MINISTRY

The permission to be able to go to Siberia,
Russia, to serve the Catholic population.
The Catholics were worshipping "underground." A church building was in the process of construction. We visited Catholic families and shared our lives with them.

# **WORDS OF ADVICE**

I believe that peace and joy are benefits received in working to advance the CSA Mission.

### A BLESSING TO SHARE

I feel blessings in the opportunities to work at Covenant House in New York City where homeless/runaway teenagers found refuge. I was able to help them to get into educational programs to get job training and a GED high school diplomas, etc.

#### HOW CSA CHARISM INSPIRES ME

The contemplative atmosphere inspires my daily routine in my retirement years here at Nazareth Court/Center.

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