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I was born in Santa Rosa, New Mexico and was blessed with parents who loved God and their Catholic faith. My parents and my pastor, Monsignor Cassidy, gave me the opportunity to develop leadership skills which I have used all my life. After graduating from high school, I attended St. Scholastica, a College in Atchison, Kansas for two years. There I was totally immersed in Benedictine spirituality. In 1956, I entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Framingham, MA and remained in the community until 1968. During those years, I taught at St. Rose and Cristo Re Schools in Santa Rosa and Santa Fe, respectively. Beginning in 1968, I taught drop-outs in a federal program for seven years, and then taught in the public schools until my retirement in 1997, a total of 38 years. I have continued to serve my church and community in different capacities. I am choir director at St. Vivian's Church, serve on the RCIA TEAM, the Baptismal Instruction team, and I am a trustee for the Gallo Diocese Catholic Charities Board. In 2003, I became an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph and have continued to share the charism which has been a part of my life since I entered. I continue to be enriched by the God's love for me and share that with others. I hope that I will be remembered for my smile, for being a good steward, and for my compassion and service to the poor.