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Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ, Provincial Archivist

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St. Louis native Carolyn (Lyn) Osiek, RSCJ, is the Archivist for the Society of the Sacred Heart, United States - Canada Province. She enjoys the collaborative nature of this role, as she is “able to assist many people in the Society, the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, and the circle of our collaborators and friends who daily live the same message of love.”

Prior to becoming the Archivist, Sister Osiek spent more than 30 years teaching scripture at the graduate level, where she “helped prepare others who would go out to reveal the love of Christ.” She shared God’s joy with students as Professor of New Testament at Catholic Theological Union at Chicago for twenty-six years, then went on to Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, where she is now Charles Fischer Professor of New Testament *emerita*. She holds a doctorate in New Testament and Christian Origins from Harvard University and is a past president of the Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature.

Sister Osiek has also shared her love of God with a broader audience through writing extensively on a variety of theological subjects. She is a former associate editor of *The Bible Today* and New Testament Book Review Editor of the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. She is author or editor of twelve books on New Testament and Early Church topics, and continues to do some writing and to lead study and pilgrimage groups to biblical lands.

An alumna of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Saint Charles, Sister Osiek entered the Society in 1962. She decided to join the order, because she “was deeply impressed by the spirit of prayer and the spirit of community that I saw in the RSCJ.” She made her first vows in 1965 and her final profession August 24, 1970. She has taught at several Sacred Heart schools and served on the board of trustees of several schools in the Network of Sacred Heart



Lyn Osiek, RSCJ

schools and related colleges and universities. She is presently a board member at Academy of the Sacred Heart, Saint Charles; Duchesne Academy, Houston, Texas; and the University of San Diego.

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