St Louis was entering into a time of urban renewal when I was growing up. The poverty of people of color shocked me. It took a while to learn how to respond. Sr. Pat Barrett was my first mentor while I was a student at Maryville College. I volunteered as a math teacher in the Volunteer Improvement Program for residents of the Pruitt-Igoe housing project and served as her driver for evening meetings.

After college I entered the Society and had many opportunities for ministry in summer projects with children: Boston, Albany and at Sursum Corda but my main ministry was teaching music and religion to middle school children in the schools. However, after Sursum Corda I knew I had to do more justice work. In 1975 I was sent to Chile to do pastoral and social work in a poor población. I left the Society in 1976.

Back in St Louis I worked with two organizations who helped resettle eleven Chilean refugee families while I went to seminary and did field placement in a parish with a black/brown/white congregation in north St Louis. The women’s ordination movement caught my attention and I got involved. I found others with a passion for Latin America and social justice. We founded the Greater St Louis Latin America Solidarity Committee and later the St Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA). The Social Action Network was a wonderful community of persons who supported the struggles of the United Farm Workers, anti-nuclear efforts including the Freeze, boycotts of Nestle, J.P. Stevens, etc. Over the years I have served on numerous boards.

IFCLA offered sanctuary to Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees, organized to end US military aid to the region, educated and advocated for fair trade and joined the movement to close the School of the Americas, going to Ft. Benning every November. When the Salvadorans returned from the Mesa Grande refugee camp in Honduras, we made a covenant with the community of Guarjila. I visited for the first time in 1987 and after the Peace Accords in 1992, began to visit annually, first with adult delegations and then, after I began teaching theology at a Loretto High School, leading groups of students. I accompanied the last group in 2018. Over the years I have gone on fact-finding delegations to Honduras, Nicaragua, Colombia, and Cuba and visits to Mexico/Chiapas, Costa Rica, Peru, Argentina, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. I served as Program Coordinator of IFCLA for seven years after retiring from teaching, mentoring university students as interns, educating and advocating for social justice and human rights. In 2013 I was executive producer of *Set My Hands to Heal,* a documentary film on the life and work of Sr. Ann Manganaro, SL.

Since the 1990s I have been an Associate of the Society and have served as co-coordinator since 2015. I represent the Society on the National Farm Worker Ministry Board. In retirement I accompany immigrants in deportation proceedings who must check in each month. Since the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson in 2014, I have been part of the Black Lives Matter movement. I have become more active in local politics and show up at marches and rallies and events.