OAK LEAVES SPRING 2020



Adele Schroeder, RSCJ

Born in Los Angeles on Dec. 15, 1943, the oldest of 3 children (a sister and little bother) Adele attended school with the Immaculate Heart Sisters, through high School. For college, she went south to the San Diego College for Women and loved it. Since her class was the largest since the College opened in 1951, they were very active in building up the studentbody. She majored in mathematics and minored in Chemistry. During her final years, she felt a religious vocation emerging and entered the noviceship in February 1966 at El Cajon. She was the last one to make her complete noviceship and vows at El Cajon. (The noviceship closed in 1969.) Her first assignment was in Seattle at Forest Ridge, teaching fifth graders.

An offer to assist the treasurer in Seattle revealed her talent for numbers and thus began her life in the treasury department of our schools and finally to the entire province. As an aspirant (not yet professed), she was pressed into service as treasurer at Broadway, and then, after 2 years, she was asked to return to the school in El Cajon for what turned out to be its final year. She returned to Seattle to teach math again in the middle school and then returned to Broadway and Stuart Hall. In August of 1977, she went to the Philippines for her Probation and was professed there on January 6, 1978.

Returning to Stuart Hall in San Francisco, she again taught science to the 6th, 7th and 8th Grade boys.

In 1986, she was then named Medical Office Director for the United States (now one Province). Still teaching parttime, Adele lived for one year at Newton, Massachusetts, and then returned to the Bay Area where she worked, first in San Francisco, and then on the Peninsula.

In 2010 she left the Bay Area to assist Sr. Marianna Torrano in her work with the Soboba Indians in Southern California. In 2020, they packed their bags and drove the distance to Atherton where Adele moved into Oakwood, and Marianna into community in Redwood City. Welcome, Adele, to Oakwood!