## Meet new SSND Associate Stephanie Savick

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I celebrated my first covenant in June. The SSNDs have been very special to me since my undergraduate work at Notre Dame of Maryland University. I completed all three of my degrees at NDMU -- BA (English/Secondary Ed.), MA (Leadership in Teaching: Administration and Supervision; and PhD (Educational Leadership for Changing Populations).

Having spent so much time at Notre Dame over the past 30 years, the mission of the SSNDs has become a core part of my identity. It is so empowering to play an active role in a mission that focuses on social justice and transformational leadership.

The person who has had the greatest influence on me is undoubtedly, Sister Sharon Slear. She was my professor, my dean, and my mentor for most of the 30-year period. She also acted as my companion during the convenanting process. She is an extraordinary leader whose faith and support have helped me learn and grow in my faith, in my teaching, and in my leadership capabilities. I am honored to be an SSND associate and support the work of all of the strong and faithful women who paved the way for so many women like myself.