



**Sister Genevieve Cuny** was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and is member of the Ogalala Lakota Nation. Her family home is on the Cuny Table, next to the Badlands. She had six brothers and five sisters. When she was six years old, she started attending the Holy Rosary Mission School, later called Red Cloud. She graduated high school then attended Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa on a two-year scholarship. She entered as a Novitiate in 1951 at Marycrest in Denver, Colorado from Rapid City, South Dakota and took final vows in 1957.

Sister Genevieve earned a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1959 from Regis College in Denver, Colorado. She then taught for twenty years starting in 1954 at St. Mary's Academy in O'Neill, Nebraska. She also taught at: St. Agnes Academy in Alliance, Nebraska; Red Cloud School,

Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge, South Dakota; and St. Francis Mission in South Dakota where she was also the Local Superior from 1967 to 1973 after completing her Master's in Business Education in 1967 from University of Detroit, Michigan.

She returned to Marycrest in Denver, Colorado to serve as a Local Coordinator for two years before returning to St. Francis Mission in 1975 as a Pastoral Minister. From 1977 through 1983, Sister Genevieve also served on the board of the Tekakwitha Conference, a North American Catholic Indian organization who had turned its focus on the "role of the Native American in the church, and the importance of the gifts of the Native American to the church."

Sister Gene moved to Holy Rosary Mission from 1981 to 1984 to serve as Pastoral Minister. She earned her Master's in Religious Studies in 1985 from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. At that time, she accepted the position of Director of the Native American Catechetics in Rapid City in South Dakota where she served until the end of 1989.

From 1990 through most of 1991, she served as the Director of Religious Education of the Tekakwitha Conference National Center in Great Falls, Montana. From 1991-1996, Sister Genevieve, returned to Denver to serve as the Provincial Secretary and Treasurer. Starting in 1994, she served as a Local Minister as well. In 1996 through 2000, she returned to Red Cloud School, Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge, South Dakota to serve as Director of Catechistic Formation. In 2000, she was also the Local Minister.

From 2000 to 2005, Sister Genevieve was called to the Generalate in Rome to serve as the General Treasurer. At the end of her term, she returned to Denver and the Marycrest campus and the Queen of Peace convent to serve as Director of Associates through the start of 2009. At that time, she moved to Marian Residence in Alliance, Nebraska where she served as Associate Convener for St. Francis, Holy Rosary, and Rapid City. In 2013, she retired but continued Prayer Ministry.