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Sister Pat's professional history includes classroom experience at the elementary, secondary and college levels, elementary school administration, and adjunct teaching in university programs of Catholic School leadership. In addition to a bachelor's degree in theology and sociology from Immaculata University, PA and a master's degree in K-8 education from Rowan University, NJ, she holds a doctorate in private school administration from the University of San Francisco, CA. Her publications include 200 articles and 10 books, the most recent being *Resilience & Self-Reliance—Key Pieces in the Self-Esteem Puzzle* (NCEA, 2019), *Embrace the Mission – Be the “I” in Evangelize*, (NCEA, 2018), *Engaging the Parking Lot Parent*, (Twenty-Third Publications, 2017), and *Parental Love Is . . .*, (The Pastoral Center, 2016).

Ministry invigorates her. Additionally, personal interests include travel, enculturation opportunities, music, mystery and history novels, nature, boating, swimming in the ocean, solitude, and conversations of substance.