



Hi, I am Sister Joellen Kohlmann and I have joined the Franciscan Center as a volunteer after spending forty years in the field of Education. I am now assisting Sr. Carol Ann, working as a financial assistant to give her much needed time to do other tasks and to teach.

I was born in Manitowoc and grew up on a dairy farm only three miles from the Motherhouse. I put myself through Holy Family College earning a dual degree in Special Education and Elementary Education. I worked in Special Education in Northern Wisconsin before joining the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity.

As a religious I have taught almost every grade and was a principal for seventeen years. I have served in Brillion, Wisconsin; Wellston, Ohio; Manistique, Michigan; West Point, Nebraska; and Tucson, Yuma and Sierra Vista all in Arizona. My last nine years I worked as the Director for Religious Education St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Sierra Vista.

I have been very blessed with experiences and friendships covering many cultures and wonderful people around our country. Now I am excited to be back home and not responsible for any important job. I truly am happy and excited to be able to help as needed, learn about the many aspects of the Franciscan Center, meet new people, make new friends, and find time to relax and enjoy life and family. I look forward to the adventures awaiting me in the next part of my journey.