

Sister Gianna, O.P.

Junior High Teacher (8<sup>th</sup>)/Religion



Sister Gianna Junker, O.P., of St. Cecilia Congregation, has enjoyed her four years here at SGS as the junior high religion teacher. Prior to coming to SGS, Sister resided at the Motherhouse, where she took classes in theology, philosophy, and education. Sister grew up in Texas in the Lutheran faith. While attending Texas A&M University for a B.A. in Speech Communications, Sister discovered the fullness of the Christ in the Catholic faith and entered the Church at Easter Vigil of 1999. While in college, Sister was active in leading Bible studies and RCIA classes, forming and leading college student retreats, and advocating for pro-life social justice causes. After graduation, she worked as a parish Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister while doing graduate work in theology through the University of Dallas and Ave Maria University. In her work as a DRE, her efforts focused on the theological and methodological formation of catechists for the parish religious education program, particularly in the area of chastity education. Sister found her heart's fullness of joy, though, upon entering St. Cecilia and is grateful to have made Final Vows in July of 2010. Sister enjoys seeing the gifts of each student and loves the chance to give to them the joy of Christ's truth through the use of art, drama, and personal reflection.