

SISTER MARY NICHOLAS VINCELLI, BS, RN, MA

Sister Mary Nicholas Vincelli, B.S., R.N., M.A., is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in St. Paul, Minnesota. Sister Nicholas earned her Master of Arts in Medical-Surgical Nursing from State University of Iowa and her undergraduate degree from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sister Mary Nicholas' advocacy efforts and dedication to serving her community have led her to receive numerous awards over the course of her extensive career. Among many, she was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Exceptional Service to the Health and Welfare of Texas Children by the Texas Pediatric Society in 1987, the "Outstanding U.S./Mexico Border Health Professional" Award by the U.S./Mexico Border Health Association in 1986, the National Perinatal Award for individual contribution to Maternal Child Health in 1997, the Sounds of Texas Excellence Award to find babies with hearing loss in 1998, and the Community Service Helping Hands Award by the Texas Department of Health in 1999. She was also named Outstanding Public Health Nursing Leader of the Year in 2000 for the US Health and Human Services Region VI.

Sister Nicholas has served in countless appointments as board member and chairperson of committees and advisory boards for organizations that serve the public health of children in Texas. She was a Signer of Articles of Incorporation and Board Member of Rio Grande Health and Medical Services, Inc. in 1989. She served as an Advisory Committee Member for the Early Childhood Intervention Program from 1981 to 1994. She was also a member of the Child Fatality Review Committee and the Migrant Medical Advisory Board from 1996 to 2002. Sister Nicholas is currently, and has been, a long-standing Board Member of Texas Perinatal Association since 1996. In 2003, she served as Vice President for the organization.

Sister Nicholas was the Director of Nursing Services for the Texas Department of Health Public Health Region 11 in Harlingen, Texas from 1990 to 2002. She is currently retired.