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Sister Genowefa obtained a Master degree in three fields: Master of Divinity at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Poznan (Poland), Master of Arts in History at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, and Master of Arts in Graduate Education at North Park University in Chicago. In addition, she completed postgraduate studies, teaching Polish as a foreign language at the Maria Curie – Skłodowska University in Lublin (Poland).

As an historian, Sister authored the history of three parishes – one in Poland and two in the United States (Holy Trinity Parish at Chicago, and Our Lady of Czestochowa at Sterling Hts. MI). For three years, she was a member of a research team from the Catholic University of Lublin, which focuses on the research of Polish parishes in the USA.

History has always been one of her greatest passions and working in the archives was always her dream. Before she took her dream job, she attended a course for archivists organized by the head of the State Archives in Warsaw.