

Jubilee 2016



First Profession
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Marie Estelle Kuczynski, SSND

60 Years

Sister Marie Estelle served as an elementary teacher and principal in Wisconsin, following her first profession of vows in 1956. She taught for 14 years and was a principal for 34 years, ending her school ministry as a vice-principal. Sister Marie Estelle served as a local leader with the School Sisters of Notre Dame community in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, for seven years, and is currently a part-time volunteer in the Heritage Room on the Elm Grove campus and helps in the archives department. She earned a bachelor's in education and social science from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in administration from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Experience I would like to share...

My time has taken me around the world. In Kyoto, Japan, I was asked to join the elementary school's anniversary celebration for two weeks. It was amazing to witness the charism of Blessed Theresa, so lovingly lived by our sisters. As part of a sabbatical in Munich, Germany, I was asked to be a member of the motherhouse community for eight weeks and visit the holy ground of our heritage sites, especially praying at Blessed Theresa's grave. It was humbling to walk in her footsteps, so courageously followed by our sisters. Back in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, I was an assistant to and then a local leader. I was given the responsibility and privilege for seven years to walk with our faithful sisters during the last years of their journeys. It was rewarding and life-giving to pray, speak with and serve with them, the staff, the province and all who entered the holy ground of Mother Caroline in the spirit of Blessed Theresa. St. Augustine said that life is a memory, and the greatest memory is that God loves us. To this loving God, I am most grateful for all the memories of the journey of my SSND life.