

# 2016 Jubilee



First Profession  
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70 Years

*Sister Carine served as a junior high school teacher following her first profession of vows in 1946. She taught for 18 years at schools in Missouri, Louisiana, Texas and Illinois before serving as an elementary school administrator. She continued teaching while serving as a junior high school administrator before she became the director of initial formation for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis. She was then an elementary school administrator and teacher for 12 years at schools around the St. Louis area. Sister Carine continued teaching at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis before serving as staff in the School Sisters of Notre Dame's finance office for six years. She currently ministers in prayer and presence at Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri. She holds a bachelor's in English from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio and a master's in English from the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana.*

### Experience I would like to share...

I came from a poorer, happy-go-lucky family commandeered by prayerful, loving parents. They instilled the importance of prayer to all eight of us. My mother taught the importance of following the will of God, and my father sanctioned whatever my mother asked of us. I tried to live God's will and to emphasize it in my classes. I realized that following that road was not easy, but it was joyful. In fact, many years ago, a dear friend defined me as many wires not yet connected to the master source (God). She knew I was striving to bring some of my dreams to my students. I was asked sometimes to move on a dime's notice, but I never felt deep down that I could refuse God's will. It saddened me, but contained joy. That's why today, I can say, "I am so happy!" I have been God's partner and am finally connected solidly to the master source.