2016 Jubilee

Ann Carol Kaufenberg, SSND

50 Years

First Profession
July 17, 1966

-formerly S. Susan Mary

School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

Sister Ann Carol *began her ministry experience as an elementary teacher in Clarkston, Washington, and Sartell, Worthington, and St. Cloud in Minnesota, following her first profession of vows in 1966. She followed the call to Guatemala, where she continued as a teacher, pastoral minister and vocation director in three parishes. Upon returning to the United States, she completed graduate studies at Catholic Theological Union, and was co-director for the Propagation of Faith of the Archdiocese of Chicago. After serving as formation director for the School Sisters of Notre Dame's former Mankato Province for seven years, she ministered in the Hispanic communities of Gaylord, Arlington, Hutchinson and Glencoe in Minnesota. She then was appointed novice director for the North American Novitiate in St. Louis. She currently serves as the community leader for the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Good Counsel in Mankato.*

An experience I would like to share…

I have no one memory from my time as an SSND. I have been blessed with so many opportunities to experience the world, the church and the SSND community and to deepen my understanding of life in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Each experience has led me deeper in my appreciation of how God can use anyone or anything to bring about good in any place. Teaching in primary grades was a wonderful way for me to appreciate how minds of the youngest have the power to comprehend great mysteries. Working in a variety of situations where people had very little in the way of possessions has led me to learn the joy of simple celebrations and the importance of the gift of time and sharing of experiences with those who are around me. Living and discerning vocational choices to the SSND with women in initial formation taught me the blessing of my own vocation and a deep desire that all may come to love what is God's call and be joyful in whatever happens along the way.