

# 2016 Jubilee



First Profession  
July 30, 1966

## Gail Buckman, SSND

50 Years

*Sister Gail made her first profession of vows in 1966. She began her teaching ministry as a fifth grade teacher at St. Martin of Tours in Washington Park, Illinois, in 1968 and continued there for two years. In 1970 music became her full time ministry, and she taught general music and band at Our Lady of Sorrows in St. Louis from 1970 until 1977 and St. Paul Elementary and High School in Highland, Illinois, from 1977 to 1978. She became a full time Instrumental and band teacher at St. Peter, St. Elizabeth Ann/St. Robert and St. Cletus in St. Charles, Missouri, from 1978 until 1996. She began her current ministry in 1996 serving as the Instrumental and band teacher at St. Gabriel the Archangel in St. Louis. Sister Gail's music ministry has spanned elementary, middle and high school levels, and she has worked summer band camps in Cape Girardeau and Hillsboro, both in Missouri. She also serves on the staff of the Missouri Ambassadors of Music European Tours. She received a bachelor's in music theory from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in music education from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.*

### **A memory I would like to share...**

I don't have one specific experience or memory, but a lifetime of over 50 years of memories. One of my favorite quotes of Blessed Theresa is "follow the star that has arisen in you, it will lead you to Jesus." That star is the many choices that I have made, and the many "yeses" I have said over these 50 years. Those choices have given me opportunities to meet, work with, and be inspired by so many people. Those choices have also given me the opportunity to see many places and experience wonderful, fulfilling adventures. I hope that the star that continues to rise in me, will continue to lead me on the journey that is not yet completed.

-formerly S. Charles Mara



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