

# 2016 Jubilee



First Profession  
July 17, 1966

## Irene Dohmen, SSND

50 Years

**S**ister Irene served in two elementary schools following her first profession of vows in 1966. She then ministered as an administrator at Mandaree Public School in Mandaree, North Dakota, and St. Joseph the Worker in Mankato, Minnesota. She transitioned to the role of director of vocations for two years for the School Sisters of Notre Dame's former Mankato Province. Within the province, she also served as the director of initial formation for four years. Sister Irene also ministered as the director of religious education for St. James in St. Paul, Minnesota, before she began her pastoral ministry in 1987, which she served in Minnesota and North Dakota for 12 years. She was a provincial councilor from 1999 to 2003 in the former Mankato Province, and later became a pastoral associate at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Golden Valley, Minnesota, for 12 years. Sister Irene currently serves as the pastoral care director for Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota. She received her bachelor's in social science and theology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in theology from St. John's University in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

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

My years as a School Sister of Notre Dame have been a blessing. One memory I treasure is all of the people I have had the opportunity to meet and be graced by. I recall all the students and teachers, the Native Americans, the women in initial formation, the many people in parishes, the leadership teams in our community and all the sisters with whom I have shared life, vision and faith. I recall the opportunity to visit with those in the Holy Land while studying scripture there for six weeks, dialoguing with our sisters from all over the world at a General Chapter meeting, an immersion experience in Nicaragua with the poor and travel during our time in Rome and Germany in the footsteps of our foundress, Blessed Theresa. Through all of these people, I have been touched. All have reinforced my belief that we are all one and have far more things in common than we ever imagined. Joys, sorrows, challenges, uniqueness and ways of connecting are part of each person we meet. We are deeply enriched when we allow others to come into our lives.

-formerly S. Marie Francis