

# 2016 Jubilee



First Profession  
July 17, 1966

## Kathleen Storms, SSND

50 Years

**S**ister Kathleen served as an elementary and junior high school teacher immediately following her first profession of vows in 1966. She taught fifth grade for two years at Saints Peter and Paul School in Mankato, Minnesota, and junior high school science and religion for four years at St. Andrew's School in St. Paul. After completing her graduate studies, she became the director of novices for the School Sisters of Notre Dame's former Mankato Province for six years before serving as the director of vocations for the archdiocesan vocation office in St. Paul. Sister Kathleen then ministered in spiritual direction for the Loyola Spirituality Center in St. Paul prior to ministering to rural areas for the former Mankato Province. She transitioned into the co-director for the Center for Earth Spirituality in Mankato before serving on the provincial council for the former Mankato Province. Sister Kathleen was the program coordinator for the Springbank Dominican Retreat Center in Kingstree, South Carolina, before taking on her current ministry as the director of Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center in Wheatland, Iowa. She holds a bachelor's in elementary education and science from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in spirituality from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### An experience I would like to share...

It took me 45 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame to find my life coming full circle with a return to my rural roots when I accepted the call to be the director of Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat in Wheatland, Iowa in 2011. As I drove down the long lane for my interview, I clearly knew I was coming home. With the serenity and beauty of this space, the possibilities of using all my talents was crystal clear. My spirituality has always been linked to the land, and I have been blessed to be able to be teacher, spiritual director, gardener, and advocate for Earth and farmers. Our Lady of the Prairie is home to me. Ministry with the Congregation of the Humility of Mary (CHM), a congregation of 90 sisters with a passion for justice, has helped me to more deeply appreciate my call to SSND and all we are called to do and be. We are all one!

-formerly S. Sandra Marie