

2016 Jubilee



First Profession
July 17, 1966

Mary Kay Ash, SSND

50 Years

Sister Mary Kay served as a teacher in elementary, middle and high schools following her first profession of vows in 1966. She began at Notre Dame High School in Cresco, Iowa, before accepting a position as junior high school teacher at St. Peter and Paul in Loretto, Minnesota. From 1975 until 1991, Sister Mary Kay simultaneously served as an administrator and junior high teacher at St. Michael in Morgan, Minnesota. She taught computer classes at Fitzgerald Middle School in Mankato, Minnesota, for 15 years while acting as a part-time administrator at All Saints in Madison Lake, Minnesota, for five of those years. In 2006, Sister Mary Kay transitioned out of teaching into archivist and AV specialist roles. She served as the provincial archives director for the former School Sisters of Notre Dame Mankato Province. In 2012, she began her role as an associate archivist for the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province in Mankato, Minnesota, and continues in this ministry. As an AV specialist, she is responsible for broadcasting liturgical services and other programs via the Mankato campus closed circuit. She received a bachelor's in social science and education from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.

Memories I would like to share...

I have not just one memory, but a collection of memories – of the way my call to SSND challenged me to share my gifts in ways I could never have imagined: as a postulant, novice and young sister in Mankato, learning what SSND was all about; as a college student at our St. Louis Motherhouse college; as a high school teacher on my first mission; as a leader of school and parish music; as a principal and junior high teacher; as a learner and teacher in the technology field; and now as an archivist and AV specialist at our Mankato campus.

I remember with gratitude the many people whose lives touched my life over the past 50 + years. I am grateful for the encouragement and support of my SSND community and ask God's blessing on all who have been a part of my family and SSND life!

-formerly S. Mary Eric