

# 2016 Jubilee



First Profession  
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## Maryann Greenwald, SSND

60 Years

**S**ister Maryann taught at six schools following her first profession of vows in 1956. She then served as an elementary school administrator for 15 years at Immaculate Conception in Dardenne, Missouri; St. John the Baptist in Burlington, Iowa; St. Anthony in Effingham, Illinois; and St. Peter Grade School in Jefferson City, Missouri. She served as pastoral minister for three years at St. Christopher in Florissant, Missouri; and ministered seven years as pastoral associate at St. Regina in Parsons, Tennessee; St. Patrick in Fairfax, Iowa; and Holy Trinity in Walford, Iowa. Sister Maryann ministered as a youth program coordinator for four years at the Tri-State Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Abuse in Keokuk, Iowa. She spent a year as a clinical pastoral education resident chaplain for University of Iowa Hospitals and clinics in Iowa City before serving for three years as pastoral minister to the SSND Sisters at Villa Assumpta in Baltimore, Maryland and as a hospital chaplain for four years at St. John Health System in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Sister Maryann currently serves as a volunteer for Osage Forest of Peace Retreat Center in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. She holds a bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in elementary administration from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas.

### Experience I would like to share...

The experience of making a 30-Day Jesuit retreat with subsequent spiritual direction and retreat opportunities grounded me in solid prayer and contemplative living. I became aware of the great love God has for me and became freer to take risks in sharing myself and my gifts with others. Living in an SSND intentional community for two years with the purpose of living simply and close to the natural world, giving hospitality to those in need and working to bring about systemic changes in the areas of peace, justice and integrity of creation influenced my way of life. Living at the Christine Center for Unitive Planetary Spirituality for two and a half years, and now at Osage Forest of Peace Retreat Center has given me an appreciation of ecumenical spirituality, East-West dialog and interfaith encounters. This embodies the call by our SSND directional statement, "to embrace dialog as a way of life that leads to new discoveries about ourselves and others and to conversion, reconciliation and healing," and I am grateful for these broadening experiences. Now as I draw closer to the final chapter of my life, I seek to live life more in the present moment with a deeper awareness of God's love and presence acting in and through me. I desire to be God's presence of love in the world – a means of bringing about transformation through love with a willingness to do God's Will as I respond with Mary, "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

-formerly S. Miriam Edward



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