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## **Sister Kathryn Schoolmeesters, SSND**

*Sister Kathryn's first decade of ministry was devoted to teaching in the Minnesota Catholic grade schools of St. Mary in Shakopee, St. Felix in Wabasha and St. Joseph-St. John in Mankato. In 1977, she moved to St. Cloud to serve the community at Adsum, where she remained until 1982. Following two years as liturgist and pastoral care minister in the diocese of New Ulm, Sister Kathryn was appointed as director of religious education at St. Anthony parish in St. Cloud. From 1987 until 1995, she served in pastoral ministry at Our Lady of Victory in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She became pastoral administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Clements in 1995, a role she held for six years before serving in a similar capacity at St. John in Hector. Sister Kathryn served as provincial councilor for the former Mankato Province from 2003 through 2009, and continues to serve at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato as a community leader. She received a bachelor's in elementary education with a minor in theology from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. In 1988, she earned a master's in ministry from Seattle University.*



### *A reflection I have to share...*

As I reflect on 50 years of religious life, I am struck by how ministry evolved for me. Before I entered, I knew in my heart the call for my life was to be involved in church ministry. The experience of belonging to a small rural parish provided numerous and varied opportunities to minister in the church and that was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. At the time that I entered, teaching in a Catholic school was about the only church related ministry available to women. Teaching provided me many opportunities to learn skills that I was able to apply in later ministries. I went from a teacher, to director of religious education, to pastoral associate and then to pastoral administrator. Each new ministry was possible because of the skills I had developed in the previous ministries. The development and application of skills continues to be an asset, as I am involved in community service ministries in the province.

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