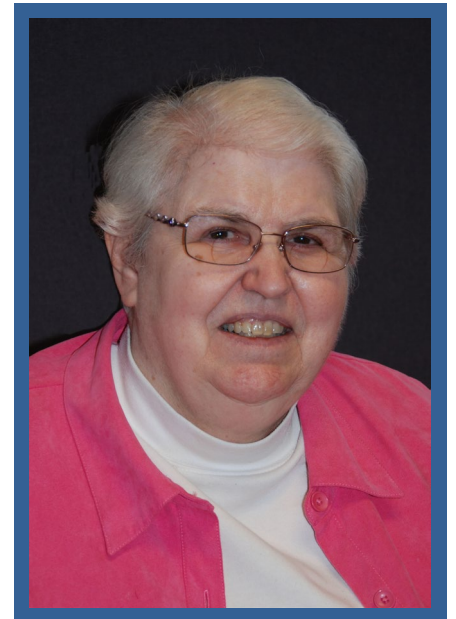## Celebrating 50 years
First Profession—7/17/1967
Formerly Sister Ritamary

Sister Rosemary Schwalbe, SSND

Sister Rosemary began her ministry in elementary education, serving as a teacher in St. Michael, Minnesota, from 1968 through 1970. She moved to Worthington, Minnesota, continuing in teaching at St. Mary Catholic grade school in Worthington through 1975. Following one year in Red Wing, she spent four years at Holy Rosary grade school in North Mankato. From 1980 through 1984, she served at the motherhouse of the former Mankato Province as director of initial formation and began providing spiritual direction. Sister Rosemary then accepted a role as liturgist at Our Lady of Good Counsel, and has continued her ministry there as a spiritual director and volunteer. She holds a bachelor's in elementary education with a minor in theology from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. In 1982, she earned a master's in spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha.

A memory I have to share...

I was able to go to Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, to get a master's in Christian Spirituality, while being postulant directress during the year. The next summer I was diagnosed with MS at the age of 35. I have spent half of my life with that, which surprisingly has been the source of many graces. I was able to meet ways without having to travel. When we had a spiritual directors' training program in the former Mankato Province, I worked in that program and met many wonderful people. I asked to go to assisted living when that started here, and many years later I was moved to our health care wing. After much adjustment, it, too, has been a blessing. The nurses and aides are wonderful and I am able to listen to them. I still have my office where I meet with folks and do posting for the Mission Advancement office. All the works of God proceed slowly and in pain.

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