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Sister Andre Wickenheiser, SSND

Sister Andre's teaching ministry began in the Minnesota Dioceses of Winona and New Ulm in the late 1950s. She served at St. Mary in Worthington, Sts. Peter and Paul in Mankato and St. Joseph in Silver Lake. From 1969 through 1975, she continued teaching at Catholic grade schools around the Twin Cities. After a decade at St. Stanislaus in Winona, Sister Andre returned to Red Wing, serving at St. Joseph School for five years, followed by ministry as a child care worker at St. John in Little Canada. For the past 22 years, she has devoted herself as a staff member at Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew grade school in St. Paul, serving in the extended day care program.

A memory I have to share...

Thank you God for all the marvelous ways you have graced me in my life. I am most grateful that you lead me to the School Sisters of Notre Dame. My most memorable experience as a sister was the year of my 25th anniversary. I had the privilege of going to Rome for our renewal summer program with 70 other sisters. We stayed at our motherhouse. We had different classes on prayer, *You Are Sent* and vows. We also had a seven day retreat, took different trips around Rome, and were fortunate enough to go on trips outside of Rome. We saw places where Mother Theresa, Sister Caroline and other SSND sisters lived and worked. The sisters told us stories about hardships they had faced during the war. The summer renewal gave me a whole new outlook on what SSND Mission is and what is meant to be international with SSND sisters. One more highlight was to be at the right place at the right time to shake hands and talk with Pope John Paul II! That was quite an awesome experience to end my trip to Rome!



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