



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

Transforming the world through education

**2017 Jubilee**

**Celebrating 60 years**

*First Profession—7/17/1957*

*Formerly Sister Gerald Marie*

## **Sister Mary Ann Williams, SSND**

*Sister Mary Ann taught in Catholic grade schools around the Dioceses of New Ulm, St. Paul/Minneapolis and Dubuque, Iowa, for the first 16 years following her initial profession in 1957. The 1970s brought her several new roles in elementary education administration and adult education in Gary, Indiana. Sister Mary Ann turned to pastoral care in hospitals, serving at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis from 1981 through 1989, followed by four years at St. Vincent Hospital in Carmel, Indiana. Following several years of additional studies and interim ministries in California's Oakland Diocese, she served from 2003 through 2011 as assistant to the motherhouse administrator of the Presentation Sisters in San Francisco. Since 2011, she has resided in St. Paul serving as a pastoral care minister at Holy Childhood Church, as well as in prayer and presence with the community. She holds a bachelor's in history with a minor in English from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. In 1975, she earned a master's in education and elementary administration from the University of Colorado-Greeley.*



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

Each morning we were awakened by the somewhat distant sound of a bell. Upon hearing the bell, we were taught to leap out of bed with alacrity and respond, "I will arise and put on Jesus Christ crucified whom my soul loves and my heart rejoices." My alarm clock now replaces the bell, but the prayer remains the same and starts each day. Reflecting upon these past 60 years, I am able to see more clearly how that same Jesus Christ has faithfully accompanied me each step of the way. The days, weeks, months, and years weren't always glorious. There were abundant daily ups, downs and everything in between. Now my life forms a beautiful wall-sized, hand-crafted tapestry. It depicts years of teaching the little children while they were teaching me about love, honesty and trust. Their innocence, more than once, showed me the joyous face of God. The tapestry also depicts journeying with those experiencing life's absolute agony, life's sheer ecstasy, as well as all life's emotions in between. Through it all, God is present, walking with both of us, offering unconditional love and leading us to a deeper life with him. My years as a School Sister of Notre Dame have been a blessing. I am awed by the mystery of God's actions in my life and joyfully celebrate my Diamond Jubilee.

**Join us in celebrating our Jubilarian sisters.  
Click the buttons below to:**