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Formerly Sister Rochelle

Sister Yvonne Hiess, SSND

Sister Yvonne taught primary grades at St. Aloysius in Arcadia, Wisconsin. After transferring to Milwaukee in 1964, she taught at St. Elizabeth, St. Michael and St. Leo. She spent 26 years in Milwaukee as a primary teacher, a director of religious education and a pastoral minister. In 1991, moving full circle, she returned to her hometown of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. While there, she helped care for her aging parents, was a hospital chaplain for four years and a director of religious education. In 2002, Sister Yvonne became the pastoral minister for St. Bridget's, the church of her childhood. Prayer, presence, music ministry and other community activities keep her busy. Once a month, for over 25 years she has led a ministry for people with disabilities in the community. She graduated from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee with a degree in primary education and social studies.

Memories I have to share...

Graduating from 8th grade in a one-room school built on the end of our farm, I made my way to McDonell High in Chippewa Falls. The sisters there were an influence on my life. Junior year, I transferred to St. Mary's Academy in Prairie du Chien as an aspirant. After my initial training in the old motherhouse in Milwaukee, I was sent to St. Aloysius School in Arcadia, Wisconsin, as a second grade teacher. My next assignment brought me to the big city of Milwaukee where I served at St. Elizabeth, St. Michael and St. Leo. At St. Leo, I ministered as the co-pastor with emphasis on urban ministry. After serving in Milwaukee for 26 years, I was privileged to return to Chippewa Falls to help care for my aged parents until their death. I served as hospital chaplain for four years and then began ministry at St. Bridget's out in the country. Serving here I came full circle, because this is the church of my Baptism, Confirmation, and early faith formation. I was the director of religious education and then became the pastoral minister in 2002. I am the only SSND in the area and am connected to a wonderful EA group in Central Wisconsin. Anniversaries prompt us to look back with gratitude and to look forward with confidence and hope. As I often say, "I never thought it would be this way." I am truly blessed and grateful for 60 years as an SSND.



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