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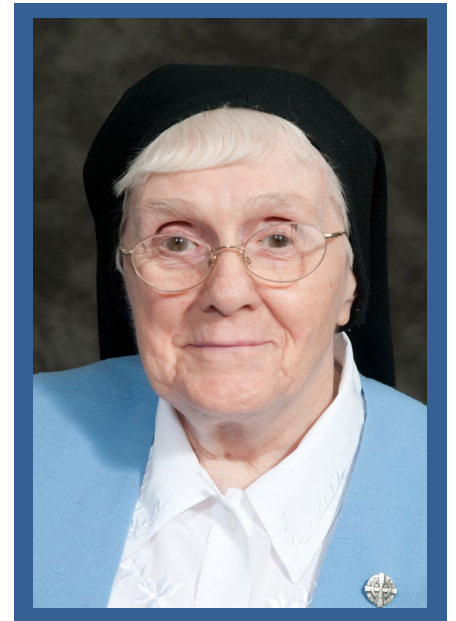
**Celebrating 75 years**  
*First Profession—7/31/1942*

## **Sister Mary Bede Hurst, SSND**

*Sister Mary Bede devoted nearly 45 years of her ministry to Catholic primary school students in Missouri, Illinois and California. The longest among these assignments were her nine years at St. Francis Solanus in Quincy, Illinois, in the 1940s; seven years at St. Martin in La Mesa, California, from 1956 through 1963; and posts at St. William and St. Andrew in St. Louis in the 1960s and 1970s. She concluded her ministry of full-time teaching at age 65. For the next 20 years, Sister Mary Bede continued as a part-time tutor and teacher's aide at Notre Dame Tutorial Center and Preschool in St. Louis. She currently serves in prayer and presence at Anna House. She holds a bachelor's in elementary education from Quincy College in Illinois.*

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

Looking back over the past 75 years of ministry, I remember so fondly my time in California, where I was stationed at three different schools. Thinking back to that time, I remember how everything was so beautiful and I felt so happy to be there. People would ask me if it bothered me to be so far away from my family and friends in St. Louis. I wasn't homesick. I was content and excited to be there. Looking back, I consider this a special grace from God to go so far away. I guess too, that I was one of the pioneers.



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