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Sister Mary Francele Sherburne, SSND

Sister Mary Francele made her first profession of vows in 1942 and was assigned to teach music at Holy Redeemer grade school in Madison, Wisconsin, serving there for six years. She moved to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1950, teaching there for four years before returning to Milwaukee. She devoted the next 24 years as a full-time professor at Mount Mary University, followed by eight years in a part-time role. In 1989, Sister Mary Francele began ministering to the elderly, serving six years at Milwaukee's Interfaith, Inc. She resided in prayer and presence from 1995 through 2016 at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, and current lives at Our Lady of the Angels in Greenfield, Wisconsin. She holds a bachelor's in English from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, and master's degrees in English and linguistics from DePaul University in Illinois and the University of Michigan, respectively.



A memory I have to share...

I remember when I was a companion to Sister Mary Hester for a meeting in Chicago. We came out of the hotel and there was a street person standing. He held out his hand with a nickel in it and gave it to me. I will never forget that. Also, one time when I was in Italy on a busy street all alone, I had a big purse on my arm. A boy about six years old came running up to me. I thought he was going to come for my purse, but instead, he came and took my cross and kissed it.

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