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**2018 Jubilee**

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*First Profession—7/23/1958*

*Formerly Marie Eugene*

## **Sister Mary Beck, SSND**

*Sister Mary began her ministry years in 1960, teaching primary grades in Catholic schools across the dioceses of Milwaukee and Green Bay, Wisconsin. Those schools included: St. Elizabeth and Holy Trinity in Milwaukee; St. Mary in De Pere; Holy Assumption in West Allis; and St. Mary in Port Washington. From 1974-1976, Sister Mary served in administration at St. Mary, Burlington. She then followed a call to the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska, where she ministered for 13 years in the Eskimo villages of Emmonak and Kotlik as Director of Religious Education, culminating in one year at St. Mary's Alaska as Diocesan Director of Native Ministries. Returning to her home Diocese of Milwaukee in 1992, Sister Mary held staff roles at Milwaukee Achiever Literacy and Mount Mary College until 1993. She then served a brief ministry in religious education for the Archdiocese of Keewatin in the Canadian province of Manitoba. She returned to Milwaukee in 1994, working in elder care in Elm Grove and then helped pioneer a new SSND ministry, Notre Dame Middle School, from 1996 thru 2001. Sister Mary then turned her attention to a new ministry as co-director of the Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry in Mankato, Minnesota, for one year, followed by a 12-year stint at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. There she was engaged in organic gardening and husbandry, which eventually developed into SUNSEED Eco-Education Center. In 2012, Sister Mary moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, doing volunteer ministry until moving on to volunteer ministry at Sacred Heart parish in Camden, Mississippi, for one year. Sister Mary is presently living and doing volunteer ministry at Notre Dame of Elm Grove. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee (1963) and a master's degree in education from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana (1972).*



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

I am most grateful for the gift of community. When I look back, I marvel at all of the experiences that opened up for me – being an elementary school teacher, serving in administration and working in adult education among the Eskimos of Alaska.

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