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Sister Mary Magdala Winter, SSND

Sister Mary Magdala has devoted her decades of ministry to serving schools, parishes and fellow sisters, mostly around her home state of Minnesota. She began teaching middle school students around St. Paul, serving at Sacred Heart and St. Mary in New Trier. From 1955-1958, she taught at Emmons Central High School in Strasburg, North Dakota, then returned to the Winona diocese to serve seven years at Mankato's Loyola High School. Sister Mary Magdala answered a call in Iowa, teaching students at Columbus High School in Waterloo from 1966-1971. Returning to the Twin Cities, she served the next few years at St. Agnes in St. Paul and Brady High School in west St. Paul. Throughout the late 1970s, she devoted her time as a high school counselor and teacher at Loyola and Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy in Mankato. Following interim posts as a secretary and liturgist at Holy Spirit parish in St. Cloud, Sister Mary Magdala turned to pastoral ministry. She served twelve years at St. Stanislaus in Winona and through the dawn of the new millennium, at St. Joseph the Worker in Mankato. From 1999 through the early 2000s, she served on staff at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, where she continues to reside in prayerful presence. Sister Mary Magdala earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. In 1967, she graduated with a master's degree in education from the University of St. Thomas, also in St. Paul.



A memory I want to share...

After my final profession, I was teaching sixth grade at St. John's School in Mankato, Minnesota. One day, I received a call from our provincial leader asking me to go to Strasburg, North Dakota, the next year to teach at St. Benedict High School. I taught there three years and still remember how special that time was.

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