Sister Susan was born in Jordan, Minnesota. She made her first profession in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1960. Her primary ministries have included elementary teaching and long-term care chaplaincy. Beginning in 1961, Sister Sue devoted nearly 30 years to teaching Catholic school students in the primary grades. Those schools included: Our Lady of Victory in Lucan, Minnesota; St. Anne in Wabasso, Minnesota; Guardian Angel in Colton, Washington; St. Andrew in St. Paul, Minnesota; St. Wenceslaus in Dickinson, North Dakota; SS. Peter and Paul in Loretto, Minnesota; Trinity in Spokane, Washington; and St. James in St. Paul, Minnesota. She followed a call to Seattle, where she ministered from 1990 through 2000 as certified chaplain at Providence Mount St. Vincent. In 2000, she joined the pastoral staff at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) in Mankato and continued in that role until 2004. For the next three years, Sister Sue then served as a research associate for the Nun Study based in Lexington, Kentucky. She returned to her chaplaincy role at Providence Mount St. Vincent in 2007, concluding that eight-year assignment in 2015, followed by two years of community service at OLGC. Sister Sue then served as retreat center director at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi. As this ministry comes to an end, Sister Sue will transition back to OLGC in Mankato, Minnesota. She earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee.

A memory I have to share...
As God called me to become an SSND, I also felt called from rural Minnesota, to the magnificent Pacific Northwest, and finally to the deep South - consistently feeling assured that God was accompanying me during these 60 years.