

2020 Jubilee

Sister Anton Marie Voissem, SSND

Sister Anton Marie was born in Menasha, Wisconsin, and made first profession in 1950 in Milwaukee. She dedicated 35 years of her earliest ministries as a classroom teacher in elementary schools across the upper Midwest. Beginning in 1949, those assignments included one year at St. Alphonsus in Chicago, followed by 22 years at the following Wisconsin schools: St. James in Madison; St. John Nepomuc in Milwaukee; Holy Ghost in Chippewa Falls; St. Luke in Brookfield; Holy Angels in West Bend, and St. Frances Cabrini in West Bend. From 1972 through 1974, Sister Anton Marie served at Immaculate Conception near Dubuque, Iowa. She traveled to the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan, teaching at St. Sebastian in Bessemer and Holy Name Central in Escanaba, Michigan, concluding these assignments in 1981. Following two more years of elementary school education at St. John Evangelist near Fort Wayne, Indiana, Sister Anton Marie served eight years helping adults obtain their General Education Development (GED) at Chicago's Presentation Continuing Education Center. She continued in adult education through the 2000s, serving in a variety of roles at Milwaukee Achiever Literacy, concluding this full-time ministry in 2008, although continuing for four more years as a part-time tutor and volunteer. After living and volunteering from 2012 to 2018 in an SSND residence, she now resides in prayerful presence at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Sister Anton Marie holds a bachelor's degree in English from Mount Mary College (now University) and a master's degree in education/guidance from Marquette University, both in Milwaukee.



A memory I have to share...

For 18 years, I worked with adults at Milwaukee Achiever. A student from Poland told me that he was fluent in Polish, German and Russian, but English was difficult. I then discovered that English is “crazy” in many ways.

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