Sister Mary Arthur was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. She made her first profession in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1950. She served for decades as a teacher, floral designer, administrative assistant, and clerical staff at several nonprofit organizations. Beginning in 1950, her teaching assignments took her to numerous Catholic grade schools across Minnesota, including: St. John the Baptist in Jordan; All Saints in Madison Lake; Sacred Heart in St. Paul; St. Michael in St. Michael; St. Nicholas in New Market; John Ireland in St. Peter; Holy Rosary in North Mankato; Crucifixion in La Crescent; St. John the Baptist in Jordan and St. Mathias in Wanda. In the early 1970s, Sister Mary Arthur taught high school students at St. Agnes in St. Paul, Minnesota, Academy Our Lady Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota, and Trinity High School in Dickinson, North Dakota. The next decade took her to congregational service at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota, and pastoral ministry at two Des Moines, Iowa, parishes. Beginning in 1987, Sister Mary Arthur undertook a new ministry in floral design, working at shops around the St. Paul/Minneapolis area through 1996. The remainder of her active ministries were devoted to on staff positions at agencies in St. Paul, Minnesota, including: Dakota County Workforce Center, Open Your Heart, Path, Inc., Yaeger Law Firm and Fairview Southdale Hospital. In 2005, Sister Mary Arthur began a ministry of prayerful presence at Mankato’s Our Lady of Good Counsel. In 1961, she earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the College of St. Catherine in Milwaukee.

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