

2020 Jubilee

Sister Paul Mary Draxler, SSND

Sister Paul Mary was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She made her first profession in Milwaukee in 1950. Her decades of ministry as an elementary grade school teacher and education administrator have taken her to numerous schools at home and abroad. Beginning in 1950, her earliest teaching assignments around Wisconsin included: eight years at St. Leo in Milwaukee, two years at St. Francis Xavier in De Pere, four years at St. Philip in Rudolph, three years at St. Stephen in Stevens Point, and seven years at St. Augustine in Milwaukee, where she also served in administration. Sister Paul Mary devoted the years, 1974 to 1986, as a teacher and administrator at St. John Baptist in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Following interim ministries caring for her parents and teaching at a technical school, she moved to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, serving elementary students at Queen of Peace in Ebeye, Marshall Islands, as a teacher and administrator from 1989 through 1999. Following a seven-year administrative post back in Wisconsin at St. Mary in Auburndale, Sister Paul Mary devoted five years in volunteer ministry while living at the SSND residence in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She accepted an assignment in St. Louis, serving the congregation's interprovincial novitiate from 2011 to 2014, before returning to Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. There, Sister Paul Mary continues to volunteer part-time, devoting the remainder of her ministry to prayerful presence. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee. In 1972, she completed a master's degree in religious education from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.



A memory I have to share...

The most significant years of my life were the ten I spent on Ebeye, Marshall Islands. Through living, at various times, with women of three different backgrounds, I learned to value the beauty of all cultures.

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