

2020 Jubilee

Sister M. Francis Clare Schares, SSND

Sister M. Francis Clare hails from Gilbertville, Iowa. She made first profession in 1945 in Mankato, Minnesota. Sister Francis Clare was first an educator in Catholic schools and then was engaged in the charismatic renewal ministry. Beginning in 1945, Sister Francis Clare taught at the following Catholic grade schools in Minnesota through 1951: St. Felix, Wabasha; St. Matthew, St. Paul; and Sacred Heart, St. Paul. From 1951 through 1959, she served at St. Anthony Lismore, Minnesota, followed by six years at Blessed Sacrament and Columbus High School in Waterloo, Iowa. Over the next decade, Sister Francis Clare served students around the region, the longest assignment being at Loyola High School in Mankato, from 1967 through 1971. Following a period of study and renewal in the charismatic movement and writing about her experiences, she returned to classroom teaching for a short time. From 1978 through 1982, Sister Francis Clare worked in the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, in Charismatic Ministry. Beginning in 1983, she devoted more than two decades to traveling across the Milwaukee Archdiocese as a teacher and author in this ministry. Since 2006, Sister Francis Clare has resided in prayerful presence at Mankato's Our Lady of Good Counsel. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. In 1968, she completed a master's degree in educational guidance from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.



A memory I have to share...

I enjoyed ministering to those in the charismatic movement. I met so many wonderful people and the Spirit worked many miracles. My experiences helped in writing books to assist others in their prayer life.

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