

**Celebrating 75**

*First Profession—8/9/1945*

*Formerly John Lois*

**2020 Jubilee**

## **Sister Marie Grellinger, SSND**

*Sister Marie grew up in Milwaukee and made first profession there in 1945. Her decades of active ministry were devoted to high school teaching, library sciences, tutoring and pastoral ministries – with roles that took her beyond Milwaukee to Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Indiana, Oklahoma and Kenya, Africa. Early teaching assignments included: St. Alphonsus in Chicago, from 1945 to 1953; Sacred Heart in Laurium, Michigan, from 1953 to 1955; Central Catholic in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from 1955 to 1959; and Marinette Catholic in Marinette, Wisconsin, from 1959 to 1970; where she also served as a librarian. Throughout the 1970s, Sister Marie continued to serve as a teacher and librarian around Milwaukee, including a seven-year post at Spectrum Alternative High School. By the early 1980s, she turned to tutoring at Milwaukee Achiever Literacy, followed by three years as a college professor at St. Francis Teacher Training School in Nyabururu, Kenya. From 1988 through 1997, Sister Marie served as a caseworker at Charities Helping Center in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Back home in Milwaukee by the start of the 2000s, she continued to volunteer around the area. From 2001 through 2005, she worked part-time assisting seniors turning to Milwaukee's Interfaith Social Services Agency, and from 2010 to 2015, she returned to Milwaukee Achiever Literacy as a volunteer tutor. Since 2015, she has served in prayerful presence at Our Lady of the Angels in Greenfield, Wisconsin. Sister Marie earned a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee, followed by a master's degree in library science from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota.*



### **A memory I have to share...**

My most memorable experiences are both in Kenya and Oklahoma where I helped distribute food and clothing for mostly women and children. It was a very good experience. The people were lot of fun to work with, especially the children.

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