

2020 Jubilee

Sister M. Rene' Lorentz, SSND

Sister M. Rene' was born and raised in Mankato, Minnesota. She made first profession in Mankato in 1940. Her varied ministries included teaching at the high school and collegiate level, college administration, provincial leadership and pastoral work. Her teaching assignments in the 1940s and 1950s were at St. Agnes, St. Paul, Minnesota; St. Mary, New England, North Dakota; and Don Bosco, Gilbertville, Iowa. Sister René devoted over a decade of service, from 1959 through 1972, as a professor and administrator at the Mankato Campus of Mount Mary College (now University) in Mankato, Minnesota. From 1975 through 1983, she served as a provincial councilor for the former Mankato province. Returning to her education ministry, Sister René taught at De Sales High School in Walla Walla, Washington, from 1983 to 1989, and Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, from 1989 through 1993. She then tutored at St. Louis University while residing in the Interprovincial Novitiate for three years. In 1996, she began a ministry at All Saints parish, Madison Lake, Minnesota, that included teaching social studies to fifth and sixth graders and visiting with parishioners. She moved to Mankato's Our Lady of Good Counsel in 2005, providing community service for several more years. Sister René continues her ministry in prayerful presence there. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Dubuque's Loras College. In 1951 and 1963 respectively, she graduated with her master's and doctoral degrees in U.S. history from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



A memory I have to share...

In 1960, I was privileged to attend the inauguration of John F. Kennedy. Sister Eunice Silkey received the invitation from our Minnesota representative for herself and one other person, and, knowing I taught history, she asked me to go along.

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