

# 2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 50

*First Profession—8/6/1971*

*Formerly Mary Walter*

## Sister Katherine DuVal, SSND

*Sister Katherine was born in Crookston, Minnesota, and made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1971. She started her ministry that same year as a secondary teacher at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato. She spent the remainder of the 1970s teaching at Fitzgerald Middle School, Mankato; Grace High School, Fridley; and then returned to the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel. In 1975, she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and religious education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. Sister Katherine was named principal at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel in 1978 and remained in that position until the Academy closed in 1980. She earned a master's degree in private school administration from the University of San Francisco in 1981. While pursuing her degree, she taught at Presentation High School. She returned to Minnesota in 1981 to serve at the Academy of the Holy Angels in Richfield, first as co-principal and then as president. She received a doctorate in organization and leadership from the University of San Francisco in 1990. In 1995, she was elected provincial leader for the former Mankato province and served in that position until 2003. For the next four years, Sister Katherine served as superintendent for Loyola Catholic School in Mankato. In 2004, she received an honorary doctorate in education from St. Mary's University, Winona, Minnesota. In 2008, she was called to serve as a member of the general council of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, whose administrative offices are in Rome. Since 2013, Sister Katherine has served as a facilitator for both international and diocesan religious communities, particularly for general chapters and leadership teams. She also serves as a planning consultant for religious communities, advisory boards, parishes and diocesan centers with particular focus on leadership development, ministry priorities and financial planning.*



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

I feel blessed and deeply grateful for the transforming opportunities to share mutually the experience of Divine Love within community and ministry through diverse encounters with so many SSNDs and others (religious and laity) throughout our fragile world. Namaste!

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