

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 60

First Profession—7/17/1961

Formerly Mary Lemelle

Sister Bernadette Welter, SSND

Sister Bernadette was born in St. Michael, Minnesota, and in 1961, made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota. In 1963, she received a bachelor's degree in history from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She has remained in Minnesota throughout her entire ministry, starting in 1963 teaching at John Ireland, St. Peter. She went on to teach at St. Anthony, Lismore, from 1966 to 1969; St. Stanislaus, St. Paul, in 1969; and Sacred Heart, St. Paul, from 1969 to 1970. She completed the Midwest Montessori Teacher Training, Chicago, in 1971, and then established the Good Counsel Montessori School in Mankato, Minnesota, serving as administrator and directress from 1971 to 1984. From 1984 to 1993, Sister Bernadette's ministry was at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, serving briefly on the education center staff and later in the transportation department as driver and administrator. Beginning in 1993, she spent the next 26 years ministering to the elderly, first in their homes through Sisters Care Agency, and then as a homemaker through West 7th Community Center Senior Services and Keystone Senior Services, all located in St. Paul. Sister Bernadette returned to Our Lady of Good Counsel in 2019, and is currently engaged in community service as a driver and sister companion.



A memory I have to share...

The gift of participating in our Rome Silver Jubilee program gave me the opportunity to meet my profession classmates from Japan. It was a joy to be reunited with them when I was part of the Japan program in 2006.

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