

# 2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 60

*First Profession—7/31/1961*

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## Sister Helen Plum, SSND

Sister Helen was born in Milwaukee and in 1961, made first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin. She began her ministry in 1963, teaching in Wisconsin schools, including St. Stephen, Stevens Point; St. Anne, Milwaukee; St. Luke, Brookfield; and St. Philip, Rudolph. In 1969, she earned her bachelor's degree in German from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, and in 1978, earned a master's degree in theology from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. Beginning in 1980, she spent two years in Arnsberg, Germany, traveling frequently to Rome to serve as translator. She returned to Wisconsin and taught for six months at St. Vincent de Paul, Oshkosh. She served for four years as director of religious education at St. Henry, Watertown, and periodically served as translator at international meetings as needed in Rome and elsewhere. In 1987, she returned to the Generalate as a translator for three months and then engaged in community service for the former Milwaukee province upon her return to the United States. In 1988, Sister Helen went to Resurrection in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she served as pastoral associate and liturgist. She was elected to be a council member for the former Milwaukee province in 1997, serving a four-year term. In 2002, she began serving SS. Joseph & Edward, Porterfield, Wisconsin, and St. Mary Parish, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, as pastoral associate until appointed pastoral leader in 2004. She remained in this position until 2016. She then went to Eggenburg, Austria, in 2017, serving in pastoral care to refugees from Afghanistan and Syria and assisting in the local parish. Sister Helen returned to the United States in late 2018, and now engages in various volunteer ministries within the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin.



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

I am deeply grateful to have served as a German-English translator for the *You Are Sent* Revision Committee, five General Chapters and other international gatherings. These were graced times of living and working with sisters from many cultures in our congregation.

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