

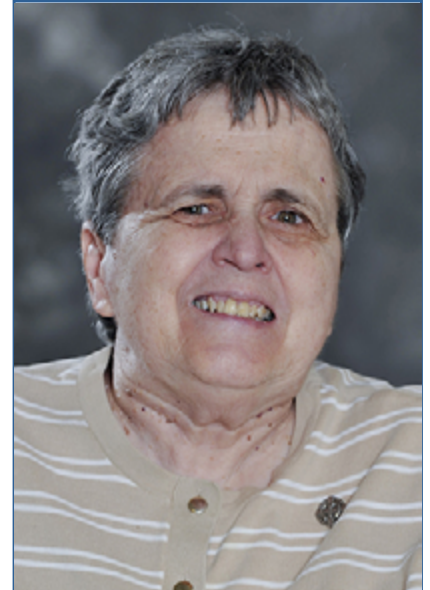
2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 60

First Profession—7/31/1961

Formerly Ramona Marie

Sister Joan Gmeinder, SSND

Sister Joan was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and made first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1961. Her ministry began in 1963 as a teacher at St. Leonard, Muskego, Wisconsin. In 1969, she received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. Beginning in 1975, she spent the next four years teaching at St. Leo in Milwaukee, and then spent one year as a nurse's aide at Notre Dame Health Care Center, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She spent the 1980s ministering at two parishes, first at St. Leonard, Muskego, Wisconsin, as a liturgist, and then at St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains, Wisconsin, as liturgist, musician and in pastoral ministry. From 1991 to 1993, Sister Joan ministered in social work for Milwaukee County Youth Service and then spent 1993 to 1996 caring for family members. She retired from active ministry in 2003 and now serves in prayer and presence at Our Lady of the Angels, Greenfield, Wisconsin.



A memory I have to share...

My most memorable times of my 60 years as an SSND have been living in community with all of the ups and downs. I especially cherish my 12 years at St. Leonard in Muskego. It was a lot of fun, and I liked being in the outdoors.

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