

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 70

First Profession—7/15/1951

Formerly Carola

Sister Mary Louise McKenna, SSND

Sister Mary Louise was born in Shakopee, Minnesota, and made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1951. She has remained in Minnesota during her entire ministry, first teaching at SS. Peter and Paul, Mankato. From 1953 to 1960, she taught at St. Matthew, St. Paul; it was during this time that she earned a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She returned to St. Peter and Paul in 1960 where she remained until 1966. Throughout the late 1960s and early 1970s, she was a teacher and administrator at St. Casimir, Wells, and a teacher at St. John the Baptist, Savage. In 1971, she received a master's degree in elementary education administration from Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. Beginning in 1972, Sister Mary Louise served for nine years as administrator at Holy Rosary, North Mankato. She then became director of religious education at St. Mary, Willmar, where she served until 1989. She spent the 1990s and early 2000s as the faith formation director at St. Joseph School, Rosemount. It was during this period that Sister Mary Louise received a master's degree in pastoral ministry from St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota. From 2007 to 2019, she served as director for St. Martin's Way, Rosemount, and now resides in community service, prayer and presence at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato.



A memory I have to share...

I've had a very good life. I've lived with beautiful people. I've worked in education all my life, and many things have been part of my leadership during these other years. Now I'm learning to let go and accept whatever will be.

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