# 2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 75

*First Profession–8/11/1946*

## Sister Mary Niva Langreck, SSND

Sister Mary Niva *was born in Neillsville, Wisconsin, and in 1945, began her ministry teaching at St. Leo, Milwaukee. She made first profession in Milwaukee in 1946, and that same year, began teaching at St. Aloysius, West Allis, Wisconsin, where she remained for 12 years. During this time, she earned a bachelor's degree in social science from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. In 1958, Sister Mary Niva went to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where she taught and served as administrator until 1971. While teaching at Notre Dame, she received a master's degree in education from Marquette University, Milwaukee. During the 1970s and 1980s, Sister Mary Niva remained in Wisconsin, serving as administrator at St. John Nepomucene, Prairie du Chien; teaching and serving in pastoral ministry at St. John the Baptist, Marshfield; serving on the community institution staff at Notre Dame House, Milwaukee; and teaching at Bruce-Guadalupe School, Milwaukee. After studying at the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Sister Mary Niva went to Honduras in 1988 to minister with sisters in El Progreso. After remaining there for one year, she spent time studying Spanish in Guatemala and then returned to Honduras, serving in pastoral ministry at Immaculate Conception and starting the Casa Carolina Nutrition Center, both in Sulaco, Yoro. During the early 2000s, she was engaged in pastoral visitation at Casa Nuestra Senora, El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras. From 2003 to 2018, she served as the director of the Shalom Resource Center at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Sister Mary Niva is currently serving in prayer and presence at Our Lady of the Angels, Greenfield, Wisconsin.*

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

My most memorable time in my 75 years as an SSND was my time in Honduras. I like the people and the culture. I ministered in the nutrition center and fed children who were sick and dying from malnutrition.

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