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A memory I have to share...

Because of the deep, contemplative core in SSND spirituality, I have lived a contemplative life for over 50 years. I am also grateful to the community for providing many opportunities to develop and use my musical talents.

2022 Jubilee

Sister Carol Marie Hemish, SSND First Profession - August 17, 1972 | Celebrating 50 Years

Sister Carol Marie Hemish was born in Canby, Minnesota, and in 1972 made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota. That same year, she began teaching at St. Francis de Sales, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she remained for one year. She then taught for the next four years at Notre Dame High School, Cresco, Iowa. In 1974 she received a bachelor's degree in music education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. After her time at Notre Dame High School, Sister Carol Marie went to Dickinson, North Dakota, where she taught at Trinity High School for three years and Fridley, Minnesota, where she taught at Grace High School for one year. She was a liturgist for two Minnesota parishes during the 1980s: St. Mary in Wilmar and Epiphany in Coon Rapids. During this time, Sister Carol Marie received a master's degree in liturgy from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. Beginning in 1987 she served as liturgy director as part of campus ministry at Marquette University, Milwaukee and then at the St. Benedict Center, Madison, Wisconsin. From 1992 to 1994 she ministered in spiritual direction at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, New Orleans, for one year and in Free Lance, St. Peter, Minnesota, for one year. Beginning in 1994 Sister Carol Marie served for seven years as an associate director at the Center for Liturgy at St. Louis University, St. Louis. In 2000 she received a master's degree in human development from St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. During the 2000s Sister Carol Marie served as novice director for the School Sisters of Notre Dame interprovincial novitiate in St. Louis, as conference center coordinator at Our Lady of

Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota; as a staff member at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, Minnesota; and as the founding coordinator for the Assisi Heights Spirituality Center, Rochester, Minnesota. From 2012 to 2021 Sister Carol Marie served as coordinator of liturgy and music at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, and now serves as the director of liturgy and music at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Mankato, Minnesota.