



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

# 2022 Jubilee

## Sister Gladys Courtade, SSND *First Profession - July 15, 1972 | Celebrating 50 Years*



**Sister Gladys Courtade** is originally from Conklin, Michigan, and made first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1972. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and language arts from Calvin College (now University), Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1973. She began her ministry of teaching that same year at St. Isadore, Grand Rapids, Michigan. After teaching at St. Isadore for three years, she went to Holy Childhood Indian Boarding School, Harbor Springs, Michigan, teaching there until 1979. Sister Gladys then moved to Milwaukee, living in the St. Leo Community while serving as a physical therapy aide at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, for one year. During the 1980s she taught at St. Leo (Central City) and St. Stephen Martyr, both in Milwaukee. In 1994 Sister Gladys was missioned to Guatemala where she studied Spanish for three months before serving as pastoral associate at Parroquia San Cristobal, Ixchiguan, San Marcos, for five years. Her final two years in Guatemala were spent in Guatemala City, where she was the curriculum consultant at Safe Passage, a ministry serving the children who lived in the dump and scavenged for food to survive. After her return to the United States in 2001, Sister Gladys taught second grade at Prince of Peace School, Milwaukee, for nine years. She is currently at Notre Dame School of Milwaukee, serving as a dual language support teacher, teacher of religion and sacrament preparation, teacher mentor and Shalom Club director.

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

My lifetime desire to serve the poor was met while ministering with the beautiful Guatemalan people. Never forgetting the faces of the children with whom I walked, I'm forever grateful!

