



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

# 2022 Jubilee

## Sister Joyce Kolbet, SSND

*First Profession - January 24, 1973 | Celebrating 50 Years*



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

Piano lessons from SSND nurtured my vocation, beginning in grade school in Cresco, Iowa, through college. Singing and playing piano for liturgies and other celebrations are at the heart of how I encounter God and make meaningful connections with people.



**Sister Joyce Kolbet** was born in Cresco, Iowa, and in 1973 professed first vows in Mankato, Minnesota. She began her ministry teaching junior high at St. Mary, New England, North Dakota, and Shakopee Area Catholic School, Shakopee, Minnesota. In 1976 she received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. Throughout the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s, she taught at Emmons Central High School, Strasburg, North Dakota; Totino-Grace, Fridley, Minnesota; and Loyola High School, Mankato, Minnesota. Beginning in 1984 she served for seven years as campus minister at St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato; during this time, she received a master's degree in ministry from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. From 1991 to 1993 Sister Joyce was a provincial council member for the former Mankato Province. For the remainder of the 1990s she was pastoral minister at these Minnesota parishes: St. Mary, Winona; and the Tri-Parish Cluster of St. Joseph, Good Thunder; St. Matthew, Vernon Center; and St. Teresa, Mapleton. Sister Joyce began the 2000s serving as vocations affiliate director for the former Mankato Province at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato. She then served for one year as pastoral associate at St. Joseph and one year as spiritual care leader at Mercy Medical Center, both in Mason City, Iowa. From 2010 to

2015 she served as vocations and affiliate director at Our Lady of Good Counsel and hospice chaplain and bereavement coordinator for Hospice of the Valley, Mankato. Since 2016 Sister Joyce has been serving as community living coach and caring connection coordinator for Vine Faith in Action, Mankato.