



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2022 Jubilee

Sister Rita von Holtum, SSND

Formerly Peter Marie

First Profession - July 17, 1952 | Celebrating 70 Years



Sister Rita von Holtum was born in Adrian, Minnesota, and professed first vows in 1952 in Mankato, Minnesota. She began her ministry that same year, teaching at Holy Childhood, St. Paul, Minnesota. After spending two years at Holy Childhood, she went to Springbrook, Iowa, where she taught at St. Peter and Paul until 1958. She returned to Minnesota to teach at St. Agnes, St. Paul. While at St. Agnes, she received a bachelor's degree in English from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She taught at St. Agnes for five years before going on to teach at St. Mary, Worthington, Minnesota; St. Michael, St. Michael, Minnesota; and served as administrator at St. Anthony, Lismore, Minnesota. Beginning in 1968 she taught religious education at St. Leo Catechetical School, Pipestone; for the Diocese of New Ulm; and St. Joseph, Montevideo. In 1977 Sister Rita received a master's degree in religious education from Seattle University, Seattle. During the later part of her ministry, Sister Rita was active in pastoral ministry at several Minnesota parishes, including St. Bridget, DeGraff; Benson Area Catholic Parishes, Danvers; St. Anastasia, Hutchinson; St. Aloysius, Olivia; and St. Philip, Litchfield. Since 2007 Sister Rita has been engaged in volunteer ministry in Alexandria, Minnesota.

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