



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Barbara Rupp, SSND

Formerly Mary Kathryn

First Profession - August 2, 1963 | Celebrating 60 Years



Sister Barbara Rupp was born in Quincy, Illinois, and in 1963, she professed first vows in St. Louis. In 1965, she received a bachelor's degree in music theory from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. That same year, she began teaching at Our Lady of Loretto in St. Louis, and taught there for six years. She then went to Holy Angels, East St. Louis, Illinois, to serve as the school's principal. In 1974, Sister Barbara received a master's degree in music from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. After spending seven years at Holy Angels, she went to California and served as principal at two schools: St. Aloysius in Tulare, and Our Lady of Mercy in Merced. She returned to Missouri in 1984, and taught at Sacred Heart, Eureka, for three years. From 1987 to 1999, Sister Barbara was principal at Immaculate Conception, Dardenne, Missouri, and from 2000 to 2002, she was principal at Marian Middle School, St. Louis. She then went to Tree House Ministry in St. Louis, where she served as an administrative assistant for nine years. During the early 2010s, she served as a driver for The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri, and beginning in 2013, she served in pastoral care at Carlyle Healthcare Center in Carlyle, Illinois. Currently, Sister Barbara serves in prayer and presence and resides in Warsaw, Illinois.

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A memory I have to share...

I am overwhelmed with wonder and eternal gratitude for all that has been given me by God through family, friends and community. My life as a SSND has been filled with opportunities and experiences I would never have believed possible!

