



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Frances Buschell, SSND

Formerly Francella Marie

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A memory I have to share...

Teaching children, adults, and jail/prison ministry have been wonderful gifts to me. At 79, my ministry continues as I am called to prayer and presence at Trinity Woods, proclaiming the good news and God's love and delight in everyone. SSND is a gift.

Sister Frances Buschell is a native of Detroit, and in 1963, she made first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin. She began her ministry in 1965, teaching at Sacred Heart in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1971, she received a bachelor's degree in history from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She taught at Sacred Heart until 1970, and then served as coordinator of religious education, first at St. Patrick in Chesterton, Indiana, and then at Sacred Heart in Bad Axe, Michigan. In 1976, Sister Frances received a master's degree in religious studies from Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. She returned to Wisconsin in the late 1970s, and was engaged in pastoral care at St. Michael School in Milwaukee. She then devoted time to social justice causes, as the School Sisters of Notre Dame representative, on the staff of the Justice and Peace Office in Milwaukee. From 1982 to 1989, Sister Frances served as jail chaplain and addressed social justice causes at the Milwaukee County Jail, Milwaukee. Throughout the 1990s, she served in pastoral ministry at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and was director of religious education for St. Monica in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. In 1997, Sister Frances went to Missouri and served nine years in pastoral care to prisons for the Diocese of Jefferson City. Beginning in 2010, she was a volunteer minister for five years to elderly living

throughout Lake Linden, Michigan.

She then served in prayer and presence at Veronica House, The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri, until 2021. Since then, Sister Frances has served in prayer and presence at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, and now serves at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.

