



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

# 2023 Jubilee

## Sister JoAnn Volk, SSND

*Formerly Mary Ricardo*

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

During my 55 years of teaching in Catholic elementary education, I cherished the many people who mentored me and taught with me. I have loved being a SSND for 60 years. The students and parents have touched my life in many wonderful ways.

**Sister JoAnn Volk** was born in Quincy, Illinois, and in 1963, she made first profession in St. Louis. In 1965, she received a bachelor's degree in English from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, and began teaching at the Academy of Notre Dame in Belleville, Illinois. She taught at the Academy for one year and then served two years as a secretarial staff member for the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) Vocation Office in St. Louis. She returned to the classroom in 1968, teaching at St. Peter in Belleville, Illinois, until 1971. She then taught at two Missouri schools: Hannibal Catholic School, Hannibal, from 1971 to 1977, and St. Martin of Tours, St. Louis, from 1977 to 1985. For one year, Sister JoAnn taught at St. Francis Solanus in Quincy, Illinois, before spending the next three years teaching in three Missouri schools: Holy Guardian Angels School in St. Louis; St. Peter in St. Charles; and Our Lady of Lourdes in Washington. Sister JoAnn returned to her hometown of Quincy, Illinois, in 1989, and taught at St. John the Baptist School, All Saints School, and St. Peter. She also served as a substitute teacher for Quincy, Illinois, area schools from 2014 to 2020. Since 2014, Sister JoAnn has been in residing in prayer, presence and service, first in Quincy, Illinois, and now in St. Louis.

