



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

# 2023 Jubilee

## Sister Lynne Schmidt, SSND

Formerly Mary Karen

First Profession - August 2, 1963 | Celebrating 60 Years



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

Province Days/Jubilee – coming together with sisters from California, Japan and the Dallas Province, as well as sisters closer to the St. Louis area. Always a gift! In the future, we will continue to find ways to gather and celebrate together!



**Sister Lynne Schmidt** was born in St. Louis, and made first profession there in 1963. In 1964, she began teaching at St. Andrew Elementary School in St. Louis. She received a bachelor's degree in English and Latin from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1965. She went to Santa Fe Spring, California, where she taught for two years at St. Paul High School. From 1965 to 1974, she taught in three St. Louis schools: Notre Dame High School, Rosati-Kain High School and Rosary High School. During this time, Sister Lynne received a master's degree in English from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. She went to Honduras and served as parish administrator at St. Rose of Lima in Guaimaca for one year. After returning to the United States, Sister Lynne served as pastoral associate for two years at three connected parishes in Nebraska: Our Lady of Good Counsel in Gothenburg, Christ the King in Cozad and Sacred Heart in Brady. She served as the pastoral associate for three years at St. Peter, Fulton, Missouri. In 1983, she received a master's of divinity degree with a word and worship specialization from Catholic Theological Union and a doctorate in ministry from Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago. From 1983 to 1987, Sister Lynne served as co-director of the Newman Center and as a staff member at the ecumenical center at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. She served two years as the director of catechetics and worship for the Diocese of Shreveport in Shreveport, Louisiana. During the late 1980s to the early 1990s, she served as the program director for the Rural Ministry Education Institute and as program director for personal growth at Maria Center for Lifelong Learning, both in St. Louis. Beginning in 1992, Sister Lynne taught part time in the theology department at St. Louis University, St. Louis, for seven years while serving as director of the corporate ministry program (adult ministry formation) for two years. She continued teaching at St. Louis University while serving as the director of religious education at St. Peter's Parish in Kirkwood, Missouri. In 1997, she was called to minister as the director of religious education at Sacred Heart Parish in Valley Park,

Missouri. In 2007, Sister Lynne was elected to serve as a provincial councilor for the School Sisters of Notre Dame former St. Louis Province. She served the province in this capacity for four years and then served as director of religious education for Our Lady of the Pillar in St. Louis. During the mid-to-late 2010s, she offered workshops and retreats for adult faith formation and theological education at various locations. In 2014, she accepted a position as pastoral associate at St. Cronan in St. Louis. Currently, Sister Lynne is serving as a provincial councilor for the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province.