



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Mary Ellen Doherty, SSND

Formerly Joan Elise

First Profession - July 31, 1963 | Celebrating 60 Years



Sister Mary Ellen Doherty is originally from Appleton, Wisconsin, and in 1963, made first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin. She began her ministry in 1965, teaching at St. Anne in Milwaukee. In 1969, she received a bachelor's degree in social science from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She continued teaching at St. Anne until 1976, and then went to St. Mary in West Bend, Wisconsin, where she taught for nine years. While teaching at St. Mary, she received a master's degree in religious studies from Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since 1985, Sister Mary Ellen has been serving at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wautoma, Wisconsin. She was the director of religious education until 1996, and now serves the parish as a pastoral associate.

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A memory I have to share...

Each step of my journey has deepened the realization that God is with me at all times. I am grateful for the education and my experiences in our international community. What's next, God? Please show me the way.

