



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Mary Hope Billing, SSND

First Profession - August 2, 1963 | Celebrating 60 Years



Sister Mary Hope Billing was born in St. Charles, Missouri, and professed first vows in St. Louis in 1963. In 1964, she received a bachelor's degree in English and Latin from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, and began teaching at Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Illinois. After teaching at Notre Dame for three years, Sister Mary Hope went to Notre Dame High School, St. Louis, where she taught until 1972. From 1972 to 1979, she taught at St. Paul Elementary School and St. Paul High School in Highland, Illinois. She also served as director of religious education at St. Paul and at St. James in St. Jacob, Illinois. In 1974, she received a bachelor's degree in music education from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, and in 1983, she received a master's degree in religious education from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, Indiana. Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, Sister Mary Hope taught junior and senior high school students at St. Michael, Shrewsbury, Missouri; Notre Dame High School, Burlington, Iowa; St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Louis; and St. Peter Grade School, Jefferson City, Missouri. Beginning in 1994, she taught music and Latin at Ascension Catholic School, Chesterfield, Missouri, and was the liturgy coordinator for the school. During the 2012-2013 school year, she taught Latin and religion at St. Austin in St. Louis while continuing to teach at Ascension.

In 2013, Sister Mary Hope went to Kyoto, Japan, where she taught English classes at Kyoto Notre Dame University and at Notre Dame Junior and Senior High School. Since 2019, Sister Mary Hope has been volunteering in the English Help Center at Kyoto Notre Dame University.

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A memory I have to share...

God's gift—serving and living with our Japanese sisters, sharing their culture, traditions and viewpoints. Their call for peace awakens in me the desire to be peace and extend love, be love and extend joy, be joy and extend peace.

