



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Rosemary Bonk, SSND

Formerly Margaret Jerome

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A memory I have to share...

Through my SSND ministries, life continues to be enriched in embracing and being embraced by persons of many cultures. *You Are Sent* describes our SSND mindset as a “Christian vision of what the world is destined to become.” My gratitude, SSND!

Sister Rosemary Bonk is a native of West Allis, Wisconsin, and in 1963, she made first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin. She began her ministry in 1964, teaching at St. Elizabeth, Milwaukee. While at St. Elizabeth, she received a bachelor's degree in social science from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1965. She taught at St. Elizabeth until 1969, and then spent time studying at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Madison, Wisconsin, receiving a master's degree in college and university library science in 1970. After receiving her master's degree, Sister Rosemary taught junior high and high school in Wisconsin, including Marinette Catholic Central High, Marinette; Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Allis; St. Stephen, Stevens Point; and Holy Name, Sheboygan. Beginning in 1980, she spent 17 years teaching in Milwaukee schools, including St. Peter and Paul, Spectrum Alternative High School, Notre Dame High School, Messmer High School and Thomas More High School. In 1987, Sister Rosemary received a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University, Chicago. From 1997 to 2007, she served in pastoral ministry at St. Margaret Mary in Milwaukee. At this time, she participated in a program to become a spiritual director through the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin, which she completed in 2010. She then spent two years as the director of adult and young adult ministry at Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Allis, Wisconsin, and

was a freelance speaker on spiritual and holistic topics throughout the Milwaukee area. In 2008, Sister Rosemary began her ministry with the School Sisters of Notre Dame associate program, serving as co-director and then as director of associates and ongoing formation. Since 2014, she has been serving as associate co-coordinator for the SSND Central Pacific Province.

