



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Sharon Waldoch, SSND

Formerly Mary Hilary

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A memory I have to share...

The treasured experience of my life as a School Sister of Notre Dame is and continues to be the stability of belonging to a community that supported my educating women and children in addition to enhancing growth in my spirituality.

Sister Sharon Waldoch is originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, and in 1963, she made her first profession in Mankato, Minnesota. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1965. She then began her ministry in Madison, Minnesota, teaching at St. Michael School until 1970. After St. Michael, she began teaching at Fitzgerald Middle School in Mankato, Minnesota, and became the team leader with the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accreditation Association (MNSAA). In 1975, Sister Sharon received a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. She taught at Fitzgerald Middle School for nine years and then returned to the Midwest to teach and serve as assistant principal at St. Matthew in St. Paul, Minnesota, from 1979 to 1983. In 1984, she became the principal of New Ulm Area Catholic Schools in New Ulm, Minnesota. She received a master's degree in administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1985. Sister Sharon received the Athena Award in 2001, which recognized her as a leader in the New Ulm community. She remained with New Ulm Area Catholic Schools until 2002, after which she wrote a book, "Grounded in God," featuring Ignatian spiritual direction and poetry. Prior to

retiring, she served as principal at St.

Boniface, Cold Spring, Minnesota, where she remained for 17 years.

After retiring in 2020, she received certification in spiritual direction renewal from the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction in Tucson, Arizona.

Sister Sharon started a spiritual direction practice in 2021 and still serves as team leader for MNSAA. She resides in Rockville, Minnesota.

