



2023 Jubilee

Sister Carol Polzyn, SSND

First Profession - July 22, 1953 | Celebrating 70 Years



Sister Carol Polzyn is a native of Milwaukee, and started teaching at St. John Cantius, Chicago, in 1951. After teaching at St. John Cantius for one year, she came back to Milwaukee, and made first profession there in 1953. That same year, she began teaching at St. Francis Xavier, Green Bay, Wisconsin. She remained at St. Francis Xavier for one year and then went to St. Louis Besancon in New Haven, Indiana, where she served as a teacher and an organist. After one year, Sister Carol taught and served as an organist for seven years at St. John De La Salle, Chicago. She returned to Wisconsin in 1962, to teach at St. Elizabeth, Milwaukee. In 1963, she received a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. From 1965 to 1967, she taught at St. James in Mequon, Wisconsin, and in 1967, she began teaching and serving as principal and organist at St. John Vianney in Brookfield, Wisconsin. In 1971, Sister Carol received a master's degree in administration from Marquette University, Milwaukee. In 1977, she left St. John Vianney and went to St. Agnes in Butler, Wisconsin, where she served as principal until 1981. She ministered to unwed mothers at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, Wisconsin, for one year before serving at Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, first as director of personnel services and then as college program director. During the 1990s, Sister Carol served as a health care consultant for St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee, and was a member of the secretarial staff at Central Health Clinic and Goodrich School, both in Milwaukee. From 1998 to 1999, she taught at Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee, and from 1999 until her retirement in 2002, she taught at St. Anthony, Milwaukee. After retiring, Sister Carol tutored and volunteered at St. Josaphat, Milwaukee, and volunteered at Notre Dame Middle School, Milwaukee.

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A memory I have to share...

I appreciate everything SSND and the community have done for me. I love being a SSND.



Beginning in 2011, she served for two years on the interprovincial novitiate committee for the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province. During the late 2010s, she volunteered at various locations throughout the Milwaukee area. Since 2020, Sister Carol has resided in prayer, presence and volunteer service, first at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and currently at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.