



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Janis Haustein, SSND

Formerly Mary Bertrand

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A memory I have to share...

It has been my privilege as an organist/musician to pray and make music with various Protestant and Catholic parishes for the past 25 years. That ecumenical opportunity and the experiences of SSND internationality in Japan, and other provinces, fill me with gratitude for God's call to SSND.

Sister Janis Haustein was born in Red Wing, Minnesota, and in 1953, she professed first vows in Mankato, Minnesota. She spent the first 16 years of her ministry teaching at St. Mary, Bellechester, Minnesota; All Saints, Madison Lake, Minnesota; Blessed Sacrament, Waterloo, Iowa; St. John the Baptist, Dayton, Minnesota; St. Peter and Paul, Springbrook, Iowa; St. Anthony, Lismore, Minnesota; St. John, Mankato, Minnesota; St. Gertrude High School, Raleigh, North Dakota; and St. Agnes, St. Paul, Minnesota. She received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1966. In 1970, Sister Janis received a master's degree in chemistry from Marquette University, Milwaukee. She served two years as an elementary science consultant for the School Sisters of Notre Dame former Mankato Province. During the 1970s, she taught at St. Mary in Annapolis, Maryland, and at Grace High School in Fridley, Minnesota. She was engaged in community service at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota, for one year as her ministry turned to liturgical music and private music teaching. Throughout the 1980s, Sister Janis ministered in Minnesota, serving as organist and liturgist at St. Joseph, Excelsior; St. Mary, Worthington; Christ Episcopal Church, Red Wing; and Christ the King, Minneapolis. She also taught music at Schmitt's Music in Minneapolis. In 1987, she began teaching at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and in 1989, she received master's degrees in music and liturgy from the university. In the 1990s, she served as organist/music director at St. Christopher, Midlothian, and at All Saints Episcopal in Western Springs, Illinois. She was also a private studio teacher for 15 years at Beautiful

Music, Downers Grove, Illinois. Sister Janis received a doctorate in organ from Chicago Conservatory College, Chicago, in 1997. She was music director at Christ the Mediator Lutheran Church, Chicago, from 1996 to 2013, and also was assistant organist at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, from 2011 to 2020. She continued providing private music lessons throughout the Chicago area. Since 2021, Sister Janis has been serving as a volunteer at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato.

