



2023 Jubilee

Sister M. Paulanne Gruber, SSND

First Profession - July 19, 1953 | Celebrating 70 Years



Sister M. Paulanne Gruber was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1953. Her teaching ministry began in two Minnesota schools: Holy Childhood in St. Paul and Holy Rosary in North Mankato. From 1960 to 1963, she taught at St. Philip in Minneapolis. During this time, she received a bachelor's degree in history from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. After teaching at St. Philip, Sister Paulanne served as a nurse's aide for one year at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota. She then enrolled at St. Mary's School of Nursing, Rochester, Minnesota, receiving certification as a registered nurse (RN) in 1967. From the late 1960s to the mid-1970s, Sister Paulanne served as a RN at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, and at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Washington. While serving at Sacred Heart Hospital, she received certification as a nurse practitioner from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, in 1976. From 1977 to 1978, she was a nurse practitioner for the Diocese of Spokane in Spokane, Washington. She then was a nurse practitioner for Olmstead Medical Group, Rochester, Minnesota, from 1981 to 1993. For the next nine years, Sister Paulanne served as a geriatric nurse practitioner at the Mankato Clinic in Mankato, Minnesota. During the 2000s, she ministered

in folk art for the Folk Art Program in Oakdale, Minnesota; served in hospitality at the Notre Dame Center in St. Paul, Minnesota; and volunteered at Sacred Heart in Waseca, Minnesota. Since 2010, Sister Paulanne has been engaged in prayer and presence, first at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, and now at Benedictine Living Community in Shakopee, Minnesota.

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A memory I have to share...

What a wonderful group of women to be with! Where else does one go to be cared for, nourished, educated, sheltered and taken care of until death? Being part of SSND has been a blessing through these years. I am so grateful!

