



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

# 2023 Jubilee

## Sister M. Yolanda Latessa, SSND

*First Profession - July 19, 1953 | Celebrating 70 Years*



Sister M. Yolanda Latessa was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and in 1953, she made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota. In 1965, she received a bachelor's degree in English from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota. Sister Yolanda has spent the majority of her ministry teaching in Minnesota schools, including St. Francis, Buffalo; St. Dominic, Northfield; St. Joseph, Red Wing; St. Matthew, St. Paul; Sacred Heart, St. Paul; Shakopee Area Catholic School, Shakopee; Sacred Heart, St. Paul; and Trinity Catholic School, St. Paul. She remained with Trinity Catholic School from 1993 to 2004, serving as a professional aide. After serving as an aide, she participated in the Council of Catholic Women at St. Francis in St. Paul, and cared for sisters in her community until her retirement in 2019. Since then, Sister Yolanda has been serving in prayer and presence, first at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota, and now at Benedictine Living Community in Shakopee, Minnesota.

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## *A memory I have to share...*

I loved to sing with my students. My third graders loved to plan songs for liturgy. One day after we sang, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," a student exclaimed, "God, I love that song!"

