



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Marion Welter, SSND

Formerly Mary Gracian

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A memory I have to share...

Each place of ministry and the people have been a great gift. Serving in the resource development area especially brought me in contact with generous people who are associating and supporting us in the mission of Jesus and our SSND ministries.

Sister Marion Welter was born in St. Michael, Minnesota, and in 1953, she professed first vows in Mankato, Minnesota. After first profession, she began her ministry teaching at St. Mary in Shakopee, Minnesota. She taught at St. Mary for one year and then spent the next nine years teaching at St. Peter, Hokah, Minnesota; St. Stanislaus, Winona, Minnesota; St. Peter and Paul, New Hradec, North Dakota; and St. Peter, Canby, Minnesota. In 1963, she received a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Sister Marion served as a teacher and principal at St. Mary in Bellechester, Minnesota, for five years. She then went on to serve as principal at three Minnesota schools: St. Felix, Wabasha; St. Michael School, Prior Lake; and Epiphany, Coon Rapids. In 1973, she received a master's degree in administration from DePaul University, Chicago. From 1988 to 1993, Sister Marion was the superintendent for Mankato Area Catholic Schools, Mankato, and from 1993 to 1997, she was principal at St. Augustine in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She served as the director of development for the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) former Mankato Province from 1997 to 2004. From the mid-2000s to the mid-2010s, she was the

director of stewardship for Epiphany in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and served in hospitality ministry at Notre Dame Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. Since 2016, Sister Marion has been the volunteer and auxiliary coordinator and engaged in community service at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato.

