



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Mary Adelyn Vokal, SSND

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A memory I have to share...

Of all I had to do in my religious life, I loved the Christmas pageants. Working with the children gave me great joy. As the children shared the simplicity of their faith, they brought out the Advent/Christmas spirit in us.

Sister Mary Adelyn Vokal was born in Silver Lake, Minnesota, and in 1953, she made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota. That same year, she began teaching at St. Stanislaus in St. Paul, Minnesota. After teaching at St. Stanislaus for five years, she then went to Immaculate Conception, Lonsdale, Minnesota, where she taught until 1964. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota, and returned to St. Stanislaus to teach until 1966. From 1966 to 1969, she taught at St. Joseph in Silver Lake, Minnesota, and then served as principal at St. Francis de Sales, St. Paul, for two years. During the 1970s, she was engaged in pastoral ministry at Sacred Heart in Rolette, North Dakota, and taught at St. Michael in Madison, Minnesota. From 1979 to 1980, she returned to teach at St. Francis de Sales in St. Paul, and then spent the next 20 years teaching middle school students at St. Mathias, Hampton, Minnesota; St. Mary, Munich, North Dakota; and St. Peter, Canby, Minnesota, where she also served as the school's principal for one year. Sister Mary Adelyn spent the 2000s and early 2010s serving at St. Aloysius in Olivia, Minnesota, as a parish volunteer, musician and liturgist and in pastoral ministry.

From 2013 to 2014, she served in

parish ministry for the Light of the World Area Faith Community in Wabasso, Minnesota. Since 2018, Sister Mary Adelyn has been at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota, where she has been engaged in community service and as an organist and now serves in prayer and presence.

