



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Mary Catherine Dundon, SSND *Formerly Marie Louise*

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Sister Mary Catherine Dundon is a native of Milwaukee. She began teaching in 1947, first at Sacred Heart, Laurium, Wisconsin, and then at St. Anne, Milwaukee. In 1948, she professed first vows in Milwaukee, and began teaching at St. Michael School, also in Milwaukee. While at St. Michael, Sister Mary Catherine received a bachelor's degree in Latin from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She remained at St. Michael until 1956, and then spent five years teaching at Academy of Our Lady School in Chicago. She returned to Wisconsin in 1961, where she has remained for the duration of her ministry. During the 1960s, Sister Mary Catherine taught at Marinette Catholic Central High School, Marinette; Lourdes High School, Oshkosh; and Caroline Academy, Mequon. In 1968, she received a master's degree in guidance counseling from Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. While serving as education and curriculum coordinator at Notre Dame of the Lake, Mequon, Wisconsin, she received a doctorate in education from Marquette University, Milwaukee. Beginning in 1972, she spent 10 years teaching at Mount Mary University, Milwaukee. In 1980, Sister Mary Catherine founded and was the administrator for alternative education for Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services, Milwaukee. She remained in this position until 1992, and then was director of development for the School Sisters of Notre Dame former Milwaukee Province. After six years in this position, she remained a member of the development staff for one more year before spending one year volunteering for Shalom Community in Milwaukee. During the 2000s, Sister Mary Catherine was director of development for the Dominican Center for Women, Inc., Milwaukee. From 2009 to 2011, she began and served as co-director of Rising Stars Volunteer Tutors, Milwaukee. Since 2011, Sister Mary Catherine has been serving in prayer, presence and as a volunteer, first at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and now at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.

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A memory I have to share...

Founding, directing, recruiting and tutoring adults through Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services has culturally enriched me. Students hailed from the United States, Mexico, Japan and Korea. Mount Mary University, Cardinal Stritch University and Alverno College sponsored the program and I did the fundraising.

