



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Mary Magdala Winter, SSND

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A memory I have to share...

Living in Rome during the summer of my 25th Jubilee was very special. My favorite time of all is expressed in *You Are Sent*, C7: Daily "becoming a community of one mind and heart" and "gratefully celebrating life."

Sister Mary Magdala Winter was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and in 1948, she made first profession in Mankato, Minnesota. That same year, she began her ministry in St. Paul, Minnesota, teaching at Sacred Heart for two years. In 1951, she received a bachelor's degree in biology from the College of St. Catherine (now St. Catherine University), St. Paul. After receiving her degree, Sister Mary Magdala taught at two Minnesota schools: St. Mary in New Trier for three years and St. John in Mankato for one year. From 1955 to 1958, she ministered in North Dakota, teaching at Emmons Central High School in Strasburg. While there, she received a master's degree in education from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. She then returned to Minnesota, where she taught at Loyola High School, Mankato, from 1958 to 1965, and served as director of vocations at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, from 1965 to 1966. Sister Mary Magdala went to Columbus High School in Waterloo, Iowa, teaching there until 1971. She came back to Minnesota where she has remained. She taught at St. Agnes in St. Paul for two years and at Brady High School in West St. Paul for one year. From 1974 to 1978, she served as a teacher and counselor at Loyola High School, Mankato, and from 1978 to 1980, she was a teacher and counselor at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato. She then went to Holy Spirit in St. Cloud, where she was a secretarial staff member for one year and liturgist for two years. Beginning in 1983, Sister Mary Magdala spent 12

years at St. Stanislaus in Winona, where she served in pastoral ministry, as director of religious education and as a pastoral associate. From 1995 to 1999, she was engaged in pastoral ministry at St. Joseph the Worker in Mankato. Sister Mary Magdala spent the 2000s serving in pastoral care and since 2007, has been serving in prayer and presence, first at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, and now at Benedictine Living Community-St. Gertrude's in Shakopee, Minnesota.

