

# 2024 Jubilee

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SISTER RITA KRUSELL, SSND

Sister Rita Krusell was born in Escanaba, Michigan. She graduated from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, with a Bachelor of Arts in history and biology in secondary education in 1968. After teaching three years at Guadalupe Head Start Center, Milwaukee she entered the community of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and professed first vows in 1974. Sister Rita taught at St. Mary's High School in Burlington, Wisconsin, for 10 years, teaching history, biology, physical education, coaching basketball, serving as a volleyball referee and moderator of multiple high school clubs. In 1983 she moved to Notre Dame High School in Milwaukee. In 1984 she was transferred to St. Mary's High School in Menasha, Wisconsin, where she taught history and coached basketball. Sister Rita then went to Columbus High School in Marshfield, Wisconsin in 1986 where she taught history and moderated the Quiz Bowl team. She then became a teacher at St. John the Evangelist Grade School, South Milwaukee (1989-90). In 1990, Sister Rita became a teacher and coach at Thomas More High School, Milwaukee. While at Thomas More High School, Sister Rita earned a Master of Science in teaching of history, with concentrations in Asian and European history from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in 1992. Since her retirement from St. Thomas More High School in 2010, Sister Rita has volunteered at Notre Dame Middle School, Notre Dame Schools of Milwaukee, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School all in the Milwaukee area from 2011-present. Beginning in 2018, she is currently tutoring sisters from Vietnam in English as a Second Language and other college courses in Milwaukee, where she currently resides.

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

I have lived my lifelong dream of being a teacher for over forty-two years, working with all levels of students. I am grateful for Sister Charles Ann Preston hiring me for my first teaching position at Guadalupe Center and for encouraging me to be a SSND. I have learned so much over the years!

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