

## 2024 Jubilee

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SISTER THERESE COLLISON, SSND

Sister Therese Collison was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota, and in 1974, professed first vows in Mankato, Minnesota. Prior to entering, in 1966, Sister Therese received a bachelor's degree in English and education from the College of St. Benedict. After profession, she began her SSND teaching career teaching junior high at St Casimir's in Wells, St Peter and Paul in Mankato, and St Mary's in Shakopee, all in Minnesota. In 1982, Sister Therese earned a Master of Science in administration of elementary education from Mankato State University, (now Minnesota State University, Mankato), Minnesota. She served as an administrator of elementary schools in Fairfax, Fairmont, and Easton, all in Minnesota. She also served as administrator in several towns in Iowa, Dickinson, North Dakota and Gilbertville. Sister Therese went back to the classroom but as a student at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she received a Master of Education in 1989. From 2002-2005 Sister Therese added pastoral associate to her ministry skills while at Springfield, Minnesota. Sister Therese also worked as elementary school principal and pastoral associate in St. Peter, Minnesota (2005-14). Since 2014, Sister Therese has been living in prayer and presence, first at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota and now at Benedictine Living Community in Shakopee, Minnesota, and performing community service with Singing Hills Chorus in Mankato, Minnesota. Throughout her 50 years of ministry, she has dedicated herself to the education and spiritual nourishment of young people.

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

My life has been filled with outstanding witnesses of God's love. So many wonderful people have walked with me through the choices, challenges, and changes that have brought me to this peaceful time in my life. I believe that my God will continue to surround me with His unending Love.

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