



2024 Jubilee

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SISTER BARBARA (CARLANNE) LINKE, SSND

Sister Barbara Linke was born in Milwaukee, and entered the congregation in 1962. That same year, she began studies at Mount Mary College (now University) Milwaukee. She professed first vows in 1964 in Mequon, Wisconsin and then continued at Mount Mary as a student. Answering a need for teachers, Sister Barbara practice taught at St. Mary School, Elm Grove, Wisconsin for six months. (1966) She served as musician in two schools, first at St. Peter, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, (1966-69) and St. Aloysius, West Allis, Wisconsin, (1969-72). In 1971, she received a Bachelor of Arts in music education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. In 1972, Sister Barbara was selected to be part of a Renewal Team whose purpose was to assist sisters in understanding and practicing dialogue skills and practices needed to participate in governing structures initiated in post-Vatican II religious life. This team of six sisters traveled throughout the former Milwaukee Province (now Central Pacific Province) meeting with the sisters for three years. She then returned to music ministry at St. Frances Cabrini, West Bend, Wisconsin (1975-78). Sister Barbara was director of vocations at Notre Dame of the Lake, Mequon, Wisconsin (1978-81), before moving to Chicago, to study at Mundelein College. In 1982, she earned a Master of Arts in religious studies from Mundelein College, Chicago. Upon graduating, Sister Barbara returned to Wisconsin, serving as a liturgist for St. John the Baptist, Plymouth, Wisconsin (1982-83). She then served as a youth minister at Tyme Out, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1883-86). For the next four years, Sister Barbara was an administrator of a secure shelter for abused women, Daystar, Inc., Milwaukee (1986-89). In 1990, she began working as a resource specialist at St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee, where she remained for the next 15 years. In 2005, Sister Barbara served in vocation ministry for the SSND Provincial Offices in the former Milwaukee province until 2013. Sister Barbara then served as a receptionist at St. Ann Intergenerational Care, St. Francis, Wisconsin (2015-18). Since 2018, Sister Barbara has dedicated herself to volunteer service and is serving in prayer and presence in the Milwaukee area.

A memory I have to share....

A significant memory is the many opportunities I have had to travel and experience the lives of our sisters in Rome, Germany, Austria, Brazil, Hungary and Poland. Being part of an international congregation has broadened and deepened my understanding and appreciation of SSND.

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