

2024 Jubilee

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Celebrating 60 years

SISTER HELEN (MARY URBAN) ROBECK, SSND

Sister Helen Robeck was born in Monticello, Minnesota, and professed first vows in 1964 in Mankato, Minnesota. Sister Helen taught at various schools throughout Minnesota and Iowa. She taught at St. Mark School, Shakopee, Minnesota (1965-67); Immaculate Conception School in Gilbertville, Iowa (1967-69); St. Joseph Attendance Center, Raymond, Iowa (1969-70); Providence School, St. Paul, Minnesota (1970-71); and St. Casimir School, Wells, Minnesota (1971-73). In 1972, she received a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education with a specialty in English from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee. Sister Helen then returned to teaching in Minnesota, teaching at St. Peter and Paul School, Mankato (1973-79); St. John the Baptist School, Savage (1979-81); St. Mary, Help of Christians, St. Augusta (1981-84); Corpus Christi School in St. Paul (1985-88); St. Stephen School, Minneapolis (1988-93); Risen Christ School, Minneapolis (1993-97); Holy Cross Elementary School, Pearl Lake, (1998-99); and Mankato Area Catholic Schools, Mankato (1999-2006). Sister Helen then served as a tutor at the Good Counsel Learning Center, Mankato, Minnesota (2003-22); where she also served as the co-director for one year (2005-06). During this time, she also served as a substitute teacher at Loyola Catholic School in Mankato, Minnesota (2003-11). Since 2022, Sister Helen has been serving in prayer and presence in Shakopee, Minnesota.

A memory I have to share....

It is with a faithful God that we make a covenant of fidelity (YAS). I am grateful for God's faithfulness over these 60 years and my fidelity to God. My ministry has been for 55 years in education, three in inner-city teaching at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Then I began tutoring in our Learning Center. My favorite scripture is "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." I believe that the last ministries, St. Stephen's and Good Counsel Learning Center have helped me realize the needs of the poor. I am grateful for the opportunity to carry our Mother Theresa's mission of education to the poor.

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