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SISTER JEAN-ANDREW DICKMANN, SSND

Sister Jean-Andrew Dickmann was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin, and professed first vows in 1964 in Mequon, Wisconsin. That same year, she began studies at Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee. She did half-day practice teaching in 1965 at St. John de Nepomuc in Milwaukee for a semester while attending college. She taught primary grades at St. Sebastian, Bessemer, Michigan over the span of several years (1966-68 & 1969-76) with one year each at St. Philip, Rudolph, Wisconsin (1968-69) and Holy Angels, West Bend, Wisconsin (1976-77). While teaching, she earned a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Mary College (now University) in 1972 and her Continuing Teacher Certification at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. In 1977, Sister Jean-Andrew left classroom teaching and became an elementary school librarian at St. John's in Marshfield, Wisconsin for four years and then throughout the Milwaukee area for the next 32 years. During her last summer at Northern Michigan University, Sister Jean-Andrew took a storytelling class. That class was the beginning of her more than 45-year career as a professional storyteller, which paired well with her library work. Sister Jean-Andrew has been active in storytelling organizations on a local, regional and national level. She is the co-founder of the Milwaukee Area Story Tellers (M.A.S.T.) which has held monthly meetings at Mount Mary for 35 years. In 1993, Sister Jean-Andrew earned a Master of Arts in education in children's literature and storytelling from St. Mary's College of Winona, Minnesota. She then taught those subjects in summer courses at both Mount Mary University and Northern Michigan University. She was a literacy specialist at Hmong American Peace Academy, Milwaukee, for four years (2013-2017). Since she moved to the Milwaukee area Sister Jean-Andrew has been an active member of the Congregation of the Great Spirit, a Native American Catholic parish.

A memory I have to share....

In first grade a visiting SSND supervisor was on the playground. When the bell rang, I held back to tell her, "I'm going to be a sister like you." She replied, "That's good. I'll pray for you." I always believed she did . . . because here I am.

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