

## 2024 Jubilee

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SISTER MARY JUAN CAMACHO, SSND

Sister Mary Juan Camacho was born in Jacksonville, Florida, and professed first vows in 1964 in Milwaukee. That same year, she began studies at Notre Dame of the Lake in Mequon, Wisconsin, while also serving as a part-time teacher aide at Christ the King School in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. In 1967, Sister Mary Juan received a Bachelor of Arts in history and English from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. Sister Mary Juan taught primary and intermediate grades at schools at St. Peter, Port Washington, Wisconsin (1966-67); and St. Mary, Elm Grove, Wisconsin (1967-68); before moving to Guam. She taught students at St. Francis Catholic School in Yona, Guam (1968-70); and then at San Vicente Catholic School in Barrigada, Guam (1970-76); where she also served as an administrator part time. Sister Mary Juan served in a variety of teaching and administrative roles at schools throughout Guam; San Vincente Catholic School, Barrigada; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School, Agat; St. Francis Catholic School, Yona; and Notre Dame High School, Talofofo, over 25 years from 1971-1996. Sister Mary Juan also was in leadership positions for SSND in Guam, serving as formation directress at Notre Dame House of Studies, Agana (1978-83); director of initial formation at the Notre Dame Regional House, Talofofo (1978-84, 85); and as reginal councilor (1983-86, 1989-90). In 1997, Sister Mary Juan became the principal of San Vicente Catholic School, Barrigada, Guam, where she remained until 2006. She briefly returned to teaching at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Agat, Guam (1996-97); before serving as Kamalen Cluster Coordinator for Notre Dame Community in Talofofo, Guam (2008-14). From 2015 until her retirement in 2020, Sister Mary Juan taught part-time at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Agat, Guam. Currently, Sister Mary Juan is engaged in community service and coordinating SSND associates in Guam.

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

Only after my participation at a General Chapter in Rome, did I truly appreciate what it meant to be an international community. We came together as SSND from so many countries, speaking different languages and yet there was a strong feeling of belonging that united us. We were all united in Christ. I love being a SSND!

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