

2024 Jubilee

First ProfessionJuly 17, 1964Celebrating 60 years

SISTER MONICA WAGNER, SSND

Sister Monica Wagner was born in New Prague, Minnesota, and professed first vows in 1964 in Mankato, Minnesota. She taught at Crucifixion School, LaCrescent, Minnesota (1965-68), and St. Francis School, Buffalo, Minnesota (1968-72). In 1971, Sister Monica received a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education and English from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee. She then taught at Holy Rosary North, Mankato, Minnesota (1972-82), and then at St. John the Baptist School in Searles, Minnesota (1982-92), where she also served as a pastoral minister for one year (1991-92). Sister Monica became the pastoral administrator at St. John the Baptist, Searles, Minnesota (1992-2004). She earned a Master of Arts in pastoral Ministry from St. Mary's College (now University), in Winona, Minnesota in 1994. Sister Monica served as pastoral associate at Holy Rosary North, Mankato, Minnesota (2005-09). She was then a Provincial Councilor in the former Mankato Province, Minnesota, (now the Central Pacific Province) from 2009 to 2011. She then worked in development and donor relations at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota (2011-19), before dedicating herself to volunteer services in the Mankato area where she continues to serve in the community.

A memory I have to share

My pastoral experiences in Searles, Minnesota, were a highlight. I journeyed with parishioners "womb to tomb," celebrating sacraments as life unfolded. By making our church handicapaccessible, we grew as a loving, caring community. Today, prayer and presence unite us.

