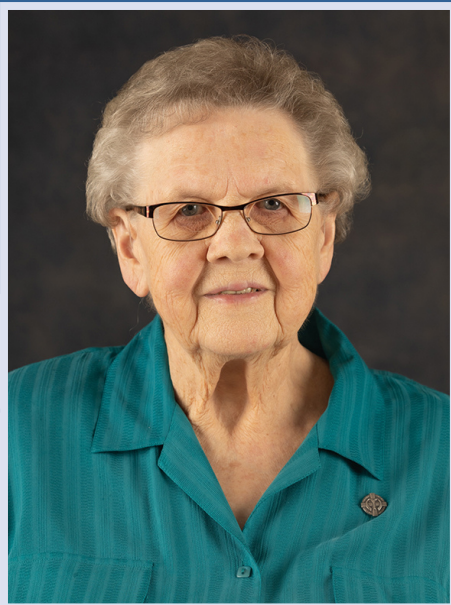


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SISTER MARY GEN OLIN, SSND

Sister Mary Gen Olin was born in Plainview, Minnesota, and professed first vows in 1954 in Mankato, Minnesota. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and social science from College of St. Catherine (now University) in St. Paul, in 1956 and a Master of Arts in geography from St. Louis University, St. Louis, in 1967. Sister Mary Gen taught at Notre Dame High School, Cresco, Iowa (1954-55); and at St. Agnes School in St. Paul, (1955-60). She later taught junior high school in North Dakota; St. Anne School in Bismarck (1960-61); and St. Benedict School in Strasburg (1961-63). Sister Mary Gen served as an administrator at St. Bartholomew School in Wayzata, Minnesota, from 1963-1967. Sister Mary Gen then became supervisor of SSND Schools for the former Mankato Province, Mankato, Minnesota (1967-71); transitioning to administrator at Lonsdale-New Market-Veseli School, Lonsdale, Minnesota (1972-73). She then became an education consultant in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, St. Paul (1973-75). In 1975, Sister Mary Gen became superintendent of schools for the Diocese of New Ulm, New Ulm, Minnesota (1975-83); and then for the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis (1984-87). Sister Mary Gen served as provincial leader for the former Mankato Province (now Central Pacific Province), Mankato, Minnesota, from 1987-1995. Sister Mary Gen ministered in Kenya serving as a teacher at Christ the Teacher Institute, Kisii, Kenya (1997-98); administrator at St. Theresa's Girls' Secondary School, Kisii, Kenya (1997-98); director of temporary professed sisters at Catholic Mission, Kiptere, Kenya (1999-2003); and headmistress at St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Kiptere, Kenya (2002-04). Upon her return from Kenya, she served as a development advisor for the former Mankato Province (now Central Pacific Province), in Mankato, Minnesota (2004-07); and then the coordinator of hospitality at Notre Dame Center, St. Paul (2007-18). Since 2018, she has been engaged in community service and prayer and presence at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota, and now in Shakopee, Minnesota.

A memory I have to share....

My heart is full of gratitude for being given so many years to be about the mission among God's people and to live in community with my sisters, School Sisters of Notre Dame.

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