

2025 Jubilee

SISTER ANNETTE DOBITZ

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Celebrating 50 years



Sister Annette Dobitz was drawn to the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), “because of the wonderful spirit of community and spirituality I witnessed in my SSND teachers in grades 1-12 at St. Mary’s in New England, North Dakota.” Immediately upon earning her bachelor’s degree in math and religious studies from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1975, Sister Annette launched into a ministry devoted to education. Her first teaching role took her to Fitzgerald Middle School in Mankato,

Minnesota, where she stayed on for a period of seven years. From there, she taught at St Francis of Assisi in Rochester, Minnesota, from 1982-1989 and then Shakopee Area Catholic School in Shakopee, Minnesota, from 1989-1994. In 1993, she added to her own education, achieving a master’s degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Following a year of sabbatical, she spent a full decade teaching for St. Mary in Worthington, Minnesota. In the summer of 2005, she returned to her home state and began teaching at Trinity High School in Dickinson, North Dakota. Twenty years later, she remains a fixture at Trinity High School as a full time teacher. Of her experience as a dedicated educator she recalls, "My years of teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have brought me great joy, especially when I witness sparks of learning happen as students share their learning with classmates."

Is there a special memory you would like to share as you celebrate your Jubilee?

The Jubilee program in Rome that I’ve had the privilege to be a part of, either as a participant or a helper years later, left special memories, especially from the Heritage Trip to Munich and Vienna.

What advice or words of wisdom would you want to impart to other

To see God’s hand in everything makes everyday a great adventure.

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