

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER JEANNETTE FENNEWALD

First Profession



July 31, 1965

*Celebrating 60 years*



**Sister Jeannette Fennewald** recalls, “I wanted to be a teacher and the only teachers I had were School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND).” From that first impactful inspiration, Sister Jeannette went straight from the life of a student at former Notre Dame College in St. Louis to that of a teacher for elementary students at St. Gabriel the Archangel in nearby south St. Louis. Over the next several years, she would have a series of teaching roles, including a year at Sacred Heart in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, two years as both teacher and administrator for Immaculate Conception in West Alton, Missouri and two years as a teacher at

St. Mary in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Her time at St. Mary ended up being extended another eight years as she evolved her position at the school from teacher to administrator. During that time she would also earn a master’s degree in elementary education administration from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. In 1983, she moved on from Cape Girardeau to take another administration position, this time for the brand new parish school of Saints Joachim and Ann in St. Charles, Missouri. In 1991, she headed west, launching into a five year assignment at St. LaSalle in Reedley, California, first as a junior high teacher and then as an elementary education administrator. 1996 brought her back to Missouri and she began what would be a 19-year term as principal for Sacred Heart School in Troy. With the conclusion of that long-term ministry in 2015, Sister Jeannette relocated to Owensborro, Kentucky, where she resides today, serving as a parish life coordinator for Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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

I have had many opportunities to encounter and minister to and with people of other cultures and those I might not have reached out to on my own. I have been enriched and blessed by many beautiful people throughout my life.

**What advice or words of wisdom would you want to impart to others?**

God is actively working on our behalf. Be grateful for God's many gifts, try to recognize the small as well as the more obvious.

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