

2025 Jubilee

SISTER KAREN MOORE

First Profession  March 25, 1965

Celebrating 60 years



Born in Des Moines, Iowa, the entirety of **Sister Karen Moore's** ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) took place in the state of Wisconsin. In 1971, Sister Karen was a nursing assistant for Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. A year later, she would continue that same role, but this time for Notre Dame Health Care Center in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. 1974 would bring a change to her ministry, as she moved away from healthcare and into a longtime ministry of serving as secretary for several different schools across the Milwaukee area. From 1974 up until 2005, Sister Karen brought her talents to Messmer High School, St Leo school, the Milwaukee Public School System, LaFollette School and Washington High School. Of those years she recalls, "As elementary school secretary, I was always happy to meet the parents and help them with their needs. Then as a high school secretary, I really enjoyed meeting the same kids as they were now several years older." Upon the conclusion of her many years in secretarial work, Sister Karen dedicated the next five years working in child care. In 2010, she moved to Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wisconsin to live a ministry of prayer, presence and service. She continues her ministry of prayer, presence and service today, now from her home in Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.

What initially drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame or how did you know you wanted to be a SSND?

With the changes brought about by Vatican 2, I saw something so beautiful in the way SSND was moving forward. I chose to be a part of that.

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

Be grateful for what you have and always give a smile - no matter how sad you are.

A smile goes a long way.

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