

2025 Jubilee

SISTER LALANDE HENNEN

First Profession



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Celebrating 75 years



Taught by School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), **Sister Lalande Hennen** was inspired by her happy, dedicated sister teachers. From her first profession in 1950 through 1972, Sister Lalande lived her initial inspiration to become a SSND, serving as a teacher for students in Minnesota and Iowa. During this time, she also earned a bachelor's degree in English from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, in 1960. In 1971, she earned a master's degree in education administration from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

With further study in clinical pastoral education, her focus turned to pastoral ministry. She served in parishes in Minnesota, South Dakota and Kansas, including five years as pastoral care director for the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. From 1987 through 1995, Sister Lalande was a provincial councilor in the former Province in Mankato, Minnesota. After a sabbatical, she served concurrently for six years as parish director for three neighboring parishes in Minnesota: St. Matthew in Vernon Center, St. Theresa in Mapleton and St. Joseph in Good Thunder. In the following 18 years, she provided volunteer pastoral ministry at St. John the Baptist in Jordan, Minnesota. Sister Lalande was actively involved in committees for Care of the Earth and in planning the yearly Earth Conferences with the SSND Living Earth Center. Today, she continues her ministry of prayer and presence in the Benedictine Living Community in Shakopee, Minnesota.

Share a brief reflection on a ministry experience that was especially meaningful to you.

I did Clinical Pastoral Education at a large Presbyterian Church in Kansas. Leadership training helped me to see how people are willing to have their gifts recognized and become partners in ministry. In my future ministries I worked with and not for others.

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

Be open to being a learner. Ministry needs are sometimes hidden.

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