

2025 Jubilee

SISTER MARIE ANDRÉ MISZEWSKI

First Profession



July 12, 1955

Celebrating 70 years



Sister Marie André Miszewski recalls, “Before definitely choosing School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), I checked numerous and varied congregations featured in a vocation book describing their way of life and ministry. I felt called to SSND.” Upon her profession in 1955, Sister Marie André’s first ministry was an eight year teaching position at St. Adalbert in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1964, she was sent to Guam where she taught for four years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Agat. Back in the U.S., Sister Marie André continued teaching the middle grades, and went on to earn a master’s degree in religious

education from the University of Detroit in 1971. From 1972-1975, she ministered as coordinator of religious education in the rural parish of San Pedro y Pablo in Paraguay, South America. “This experience,” she recalls, “was pivotal to my understanding of the stark reality of poverty and the preciousness of water.” Returning once again to the U.S., she spent six years ministering to the Hispanic population in Wautoma, Wisconsin. A two-year period of renewal and volunteer service in Milwaukee followed. Next, she served as parish coordinator at St. Mary’s in Oregon, Illinois. During this six years, she also enrolled in an extension course from Loyola University in New Orleans and earned a master’s degree in pastoral studies. From 2002-2012, Sister Marie André filled the need for a parish director at Sts. James and Stanislaus parish in White Lake, Wisconsin. She rounded out her years of active ministry with a variety of services in Amarillo, Texas from 2015-2021. Sister Marie André now resides at Trinity Woods in Milwaukee, offering to all her gifts of prayer and presence.

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

Our 25th Jubilee trip to the Generalate in Rome and our visit to Munich, where we gathered at the tomb of Blessed Mother Theresa; the “You are Sent” retreat; and our visit to St. Peter’s Basilica. My “on the way home” side trip with a companion sister was to the shrines in Lourdes and Fatima. Interculturality and interconnectedness were the special gifts planted in my heart that year. They continue to deepen.

In one word or phrase, describe your experience as a SSND.

Gratitude.

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