

2025 Jubilee

SISTER MARY JANE JANSEN

First Profession



August 1, 1955

Celebrating 70 years



Of her many years of active ministry, **Sister Mary Jane Jansen** recalls, “I have enjoyed each place where I ministered and the variety of people I was able to meet.” From 1955 through 1988, Sister Mary Jane’s ministry assignments were exclusively education focused as she taught primary, elementary and junior high students across Missouri, Illinois and Texas. She also served in several administrative roles, including a two-year stint as associate superintendent for the Diocese of Springfield, Springfield, Illinois. During this timeframe, she would earn her bachelor’s degree in English from the former Notre Dame

College in St. Louis, and a master’s degree in elementary education administration from Southeast Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. In 1989, her ministry took her back to her hometown of Leopold, Missouri, where she served for seven years in several roles, including director of religious education and pastoral minister for the parish of St. John. She also achieved a second master’s degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University, New Orleans, in 1994. From Leopold, she moved to Johnson City, Tennessee, where she was both a teacher and pastoral associate for St. Mary parish and school. 2001 brought her back to Missouri and she again balanced dual roles of both teacher and pastoral associate for Guardian Angel in Oran, Missouri. She resided in Oran until 2012, and then moved to Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri, where she lived in prayer and presence for the next ten years. In the summer of 2022, she was transferred to Mother of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, where she continues in prayer and presence, sharing, “Listen to others and learn to appreciate who they are and where they are in life.”

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

My ministry and the people in Westphalia, Missouri, made me feel like being back in the rural area where I grew up.

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

Always happy.

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