

2025 Jubilee

SISTER MARY RICARDO WOLF

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Celebrating 70 years



Born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, **Sister Mary Ricardo Wolf** has spent the entirety of her time in ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) in education and care of children in her home state. Her first ministry as a teacher for Holy Name in Sheboygan lasted six years, from 1956-1962. From there, she launched into a series of teaching roles for schools in Milwaukee, including St. Peter and Paul, St. Francis and Francis Community School. She then moved on to more than a decade spent teaching for High Bluff Education Center in Mequon.

Throughout those years, she would further her own education, earning her bachelor's degree in math from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, and then a master's degree in special education from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She was able to utilize her understanding of special education practices during her next ministries, serving as a special needs teacher for St. Aemilian in Milwaukee, from 1982-1984 and then special education teacher for Raymond School in Frankville, from 1984-1989. With this significant experience behind her, she then went on to become the special education administrator for the Racine County School Office in Union Grove, Wisconsin, for more than 10 years. From 2001-2003, she served as principal for St. Peter in East Troy, Wisconsin. Since that time, she has resided at Little Prairie Farm in East Troy where she assists in foster care activities and ongoing prayer and presence.

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

If someone is aggressive or angry, check their heart.

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

The incident I will never forget: As director of special education of the emotionally disturbed, it was my duty to help design programs to help the students. There were successes and failures. One joy happened in a store. As I was checking out, the clerk said "Hey guys, this is the lady that turned my life around." I was embarrassed but pleased to hear it. I thanked God for giving me a pat on the back!

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