2026 Jubilee

Celebrating 60 years

What advice or words of wisdom would you want to share?

Each day be thankful for life and live each day to the fullest. Be grateful for the many Gifts that God gives to you and share those gifts with everyone you meet. Be open to the many surprises and miracles that God gives each day.

In aword or brief phrase, describe your experience as a SSND.

True Gift.

Sister Ruth Ann Klauser

First Profession - July 30, 1966

Born in Quincy, Illinois, much of Sister Ruth Ann's ministry has been throughout the neighboring states of Missouri and Illinois. Upon earning her bachelor's degree from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, she entered into what would become her many years of education-focused ministry.

She taught junior high at St. Peter, St. Charles, Missouri; intermediate grades at St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Louis and held concurrent teaching and administrative roles for St. Louis, Nokomis, Illinois. 1978 took her up to Hannibal, Missouri, where she was again a teacher and administrator for Hannibal Catholic School. From 1987 until 1999, she was the principal at St. Brendan in Mexico, Missouri. This was followed by nine years as principal at St. Peter Cathedral in Belleville, Illinois. 2009 until 2014 would find her as principal once again, this time for Mary Immaculate, Kirksville, Missouri.

"I was a principal and teacher for almost fifty years and shared in the daily development of each of my students. I appreciated seeing them mature in all aspects of their lives. Today I can visit with them and experience their lives as mature adults."

In September 2014, Sister Ruth Ann took on an entirely new ministry focus along with an entirely new location.

"I was blessed with being called to serve in our Generalate in Rome, Italy, for eight years as the General Secretary to two General Superiors and Archivist for our international Congregation. This experience gave me the opportunity to learn more about our congregation and to meet many of our School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) throughout the world."

Since returning to the U.S. in 2022, she has served in various volunteer roles, first in Jefferson City, Missouri, and now in Kirksville, where she currently resides.

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