

2025 Jubilee

SISTER ANNE ARTHUR KLINKER

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Celebrating 75 years



When her class was offered a trip to visit the Motherhouse, **Sister Anne Arthur Klinker** recalls, “Why not, thought I? Why did I sign up and not my twin sister? I am impulsive! I came home and simply announced to my family, ‘I am going to the convent.’” And while she had to work through some homesickness to get through those early years, that decision made some seven decades ago ultimately set into motion a ministry which has included varied roles in locals both near and far. From 1948 until 1955, Sister Anne Arthur began her ministry in education teaching for Guardian Angel and then St. Paul in Chicago. For the 20 years after that, she would

teach exclusively in her home state of Wisconsin, across the communities of Butler, Waterloo, Oconto, Milwaukee, Marshfield, Menasha and Elkhorn. She would branch out across grades as well, teaching at the elementary, middle and junior high levels, in addition to several years as a dedicated music teacher. During this time, she would earn her bachelor’s degree from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee and a master’s degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. From 1975-1978, she taught at the International School in Belin, Germany, and then earned a second master’s degree in 1979 from University of Wisconsin, Superior, Wisconsin. For much of the 1980s and early 1990s, she served as a teacher or administrator for schools in Indiana and Wisconsin. From 1995 to 2000, she again ventured overseas, this time to Nigeria, where she was a teacher at St. Augustine Seminary in the city of Jos and then an administrator for the Notre Dame Secondary School in Ikot Ekpene. Upon her return to the U.S., she had a period of sabbatical and part time teaching assignments. Starting in 2002, she found a new ministry via a series of chaplain and caregiver positions for St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. Since then, she has been a volunteer at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin and a tutor for Literary Services of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She currently resides in prayer and presence in Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.

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

MAP experience to Honduras where I met Sisters Mary Kennedy, Miriam, Dusty and Francine. With and through them, I realized I could live a missionary life.

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

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