

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER JANE MARIE HOTZE

First Profession



August 1, 1955

*Celebrating 70 years*



**Sister Jane Marie Hotze** recalls, “My ministries as a sister were a great call, each one such a gift: teacher, administrator, care of the sick and elderly, minister to the sisters, the parishes gift of community, all were gifts. So grateful.” In 1957, Sister Jane Marie earned her bachelor’s degree from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, and immediately entered into her first ministry as an educator, teaching nine years at the Academy of Notre Dame in Belleville, Illinois. This was followed by another teaching role at Mater Dei High School in Breese, Illinois. With the conclusion of that position, she moved to Texas and

went to work earning her master’s degree in geriatrics administration from North Texas State University, Denton. With this certification, she entered into a new phase of ministry, serving first as an intern for Nazareth Nursing Home in St. Louis and then a health and retirement administrator at Villa Gesu, a retirement home for School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), St. Louis, from 1974-1981. After a period of renewal, 1982 would see her back in an education setting, serving as an administrator for St. Anthony High School in Effingham, Illinois, and then director of development for Effingham Catholic Schools. From 1996 until 2003, Sister Jane Marie was a local leader for the Motherhouse in St. Louis, serving the sisters of that community. Starting in 2004, she entered into a season of pastoral ministry, serving as a pastoral associate for St. Anthony in Effingham, a role she held for more than a decade. In 2016, she began a new chapter of volunteer services for St. Anthony parish and various places within the Effingham community. As of 2021, she now resides in Effingham in prayer, presence and continued work in volunteer activities.

**What initially drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame or how did you know you wanted to be a SSND?**

I knew I wanted to be a sister on my First Communion day. The sisters taught in our schools in Teutopolis, Illinois. They were happy, blessed, wonderful ladies. Jesus called me to be His bride. What a gift!

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

Trust in an awesome God, live in hope and be grateful. God is good!

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