

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER LINDA MARIE HELLEBUSCH

First Profession



August 1, 1955

*Celebrating 70 years*



From the everyday task of helping sisters do their laundry as a student, **Sister Linda Marie Hellebusch** found her initial draw to the life of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). Her many years of ministry speak to her devoted care of others. During her 70 years as a SSND, Sister Linda Marie has served as a homemaker, nursing aide, childcare worker, driver, volunteer and in food service. Born in Peers, Missouri, most of her ministries were based in the St. Louis area. However, her first ministry was one that took her out of state, to Marrero, Louisiana, where she worked for five years as a homemaker at Madonna Manor, a onetime orphanage and home for children in need. She then journeyed to St. Louis, where she spent the next 14 years as a nursing aide and in food service for Villa Gesu and the SSND Motherhouse infirmary at Sancta Maria in Ripa. In 1974, she headed to Sunland, California, for her first of two terms working at Tierra del Sol, a care center for adults with developmental disabilities. She first ministered there from 1974-1977 and then again from 1984-1986. Sister Linda Marie recalls it as a meaningful experience, "It required me to be patient and to learn about people with special needs." Throughout most of the 1990s, her ministry focus turned to childcare, as she worked across several organizations in the St. Louis area as a childcare provider, including Infants to Teens, Linda's Baby Care, Professor Bear's Learning Center and KinderCare Learning Center. From 2001-2003, she returned to the infirmary at Sancta Maria in Ripa, as a nursing aide and part-time driver for fellow sisters. From 2003-2009, she supported the work of the infirmary once again as a substitute night nurse's aide. In early 2012, she transferred to Theresa Center in St. Louis where she divided her time between volunteer services and prayer and presence. In spring of 2020, she moved to Mother of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, where she resides today in continued prayer and presence.

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

My first time on a long train trip and then working at the orphanage and experiencing something different, a ministry that I had never done before.

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

Bring cheerfulness to every day - know that you can change people's lives with a smile!

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