2025 Jubilee



SISTER MARGARET MARY DOHMS

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Celebrating 75 years

For 60 years, Sister Margaret Mary Dohms (also known as Sister Nicholas Marie from 1950-1970), made her mark as a dedicated educator to students in Milwaukee and nearby Butler, Wisconsin. She recalls, "I was educated by School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) for all eight grades - as were my whole family. Three of us entered the order eventually. My oldest sister entering ahead of me had a great influence on me as we were close in age and I admired everything she did. I wanted to share her same happiness." Sister Margaret Mary's first teaching assignment was to serve 12 years at Sts. Peter and Paul,

then on to St. Nicholas for 14 years, followed by two years at St. Casimir - all in Milwaukee. During those years she would also earn her bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee as well as a master's degree from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1978, she began what would be long-standing tenure at St. Agnes in Butler, first teaching junior high students for one year. She would ultimately continue at St. Agnes for an additional 20 years at the middle school level. In 1999, Sister Margaret Mary took on a new role for St. Agnes, serving part-time as the librarian and adding another 11 years to her ministry at the school. With the conclusion of her work at St. Agnes in 2010, she began a decade as a full-time hospitality coordinator for Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Starting in 2020, she would continue on with her ministry of hospitality at Elm Grove, but on a part-time basis and in conjunction with one also of prayer, presence and service. At the end of 2021, she moved to Trinity Woods in Milwaukee, where she lives today in ongoing prayer, presence and service.

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

I remember and thank all the SSND women - living and deceased - who have enriched my life as we lived, prayed and taught together during these years of my religious life. They have been a tremendous support through these years, and for this I am forever grateful. I include my loving, devout parents, having great FAITH and TRUST in God. They constantly prayed, passed on their faith, sacrificed and supported me and my six siblings as long as they lived.

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

Gratitude! Joy! Appreciation!

