

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER MARY ANNE SCHAEENZER

First Profession



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*Celebrating 60 years*



Of her many years in active ministry, **Sister Mary Anne Schaeenzer** recalls, “I think that each ministry is special in its own way. I have found that each type of ministry has prepared me in some way for the next.” Sister Mary Anne graduated from Mount Mary College (now University) in 1969 with her bachelor’s degree and immediately began 12 years of teaching in 4th - 8th grade. This would include Sts. Peter and Paul in Mankato and St. Francis in Buffalo - both in Minnesota. In 1976, she earned a master’s degree in theological studies from St. Louis University in St. Louis. She continued teaching in Minnesota at St. Peter’s in Hokah and Fitzgerald Middle School in Mankato. Her ministry then evolved into new areas of responsibility, as she worked six years for an ecumenical prayer community, and eleven years as an ecumenical hospital chaplain. During this time, she became part of the hospice team, first as volunteer coordinator and then two years as spiritual care and bereavement coordinator. “These 17 years of ecumenical ministry in the Mankato area, including two years as president of the Mankato Area Ministerial Association, expanded my awareness beyond the Catholic community, and allowed me to learn how to be in ministry to/with people of varied religious backgrounds or none at all.” In 1997, she took those meaningful experiences to a pastoral care position at Good Counsel Convent in Mankato. Following a period of renewal, Sister Mary Anne embraced a variety of parish positions including Risen Savior and Mary Mother of the Church, both in Burnsville; Holy Rosary, North Mankato; and finally, at St. Stephen’s in Anoka, all in Minnesota. Concurrent with these ministries, she served six years on the steering committee of the Charismatic Renewal Association of Liaisons and nine years on the National Service Committee (NSC) for Charismatic Renewal in the United States; in addition she served 23 years on the NSC Council. She currently serves the organization as editor of *Pentecost Today* magazine. She continues to actively share her gifts in charismatic renewal as a volunteer in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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

We do have a role in one another's lives. It is a fine and beautiful weaving. Sometimes there are snags to be repaired. Some of the threads are rough at times and offer texture. Gifting is abundant to us and through us. God weaves with the finest gold.

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

A way of responding to the call to follow Jesus, to love him and one another. Opportunity, Challenge, Beauty and Cooperation.

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