

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER MARY KAY GOSCH

First Profession



July 17, 1965

*Celebrating 60 years*



**Sister Mary Kay Gosch** was born in Mankato, Minnesota. Much of her ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) was based in Minnesota but at times, called her far beyond that. “Really, I loved all my ministries - teaching, coaching, formation and retreat work and administration in various settings. In looking back, the opportunity to be part of the revision of *You Are Sent* and my time as co-novice director in Africa stand out as profound gifts and challenges for me.” To start at the beginning, Sister Mary Kay earned a bachelor’s degree from the former Notre Dame College in

St. Louis in 1967, and later received a master’s degree in religious studies from Mundelein College in Chicago. Her first eight years of ministry were spent as a teacher and part-time coach in Minnesota. In 1974, she joined the staff of the Center for Spiritual Development that served SSND, the diocese of New Ulm and rural Minnesota until leaving there in 1987. From 1987-1995, Sister Mary Kay was provincial councilor for the former Mankato Province. The year 1998 brought her to her ministry in Africa, where she served as co-novice director for the African novitiate in Sunyani, Ghana. Of this experience, she recalls, “For me, it was an incredible gift to journey with newer members, young women who were idealistic, energetic, open to learning and to God’s call in their lives.” Sister Mary Kay would remain dedicated to her work in Africa for eleven years. After a sabbatical, she returned to Mankato and served as campus administrator of Our Lady of Good Counsel campus from 2011 to 2023. Today, she continues to offer spiritual direction and is involved in the broader Mankato area with multiple volunteer opportunities.

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

Be open to the More and to the Other. Always be a learner. Believe in the gift and the power of the WE!

**Describe your experience as a SSND.**

What we can do together is far more than any of us can do alone.

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