

2025 Jubilee

SISTER MARY RUTH WAND

First Profession



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Celebrating 60 years



From 1967 until 1999, **Sister Mary Ruth Wand** was a teacher in schools throughout Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. She recalls, “I was drawn to School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) because I admired my SSND teachers and the religious in my family.” After earning her bachelor’s degree in music from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, her first ministry in education took her St. Anthony in Knoxville, Iowa, for one year. After that, she moved to Missouri for a period of some 16 years, during which time she taught at St. Peter Grade School in Jefferson City, St. George in Linn, St. Aloysius in

St. Louis and then dual roles as teacher and administrator for Immaculate Conception in Loose Creek. In her next ministry, she would again serve in both a teaching and an administration capacity for Sacred Heart in Lawrence, Nebraska, from 1984-1987. During that time, she also studied for and achieved her master’s degree in elementary administration from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. Returning to Missouri in the summer of 1987, she resumed her work as teacher and administrator for Holy Family in Hannibal, followed by Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline, and finally St. Joseph School in Martinsburg. In 1999, her ministry shifted to that of a pastoral minister for Annunciation parish in the city of California, Missouri. Sister Mary Ruth continued at Annunciation for more than two decades. Parting from Annunciation in 2020, she was sent to St. Vincent de Paul in Sedalia, Missouri, to provide guidance to others as a pastoral minister, a role she continues to this day.

Please share a brief reflection on a ministry experience that was especially meaningful to you and why.

I appreciate my ministry with and for people in furthering the mission of Jesus. I have loved being a teacher/principal in elementary schools, mostly in the Jefferson City, Missouri diocese, and pastoral minister in California, Missouri and now in Sedalia, Missouri.

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

I experience gratitude.

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