

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER MARYLENE VENVERTLOH

First Profession



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*Celebrating 70 years*



Of her 70 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND), **Sister Marylene Venvertloh** recalls, “It has been a challenging and rewarding life with no regrets and never a dull moment!” In 1957, Sister Marylene earned her bachelor’s degree in English from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and then immediately began her first ministry as a teacher at St. Anthony in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. From 1960-1973, she continued her work in education for schools in Hebron, Nebraska, Quincy, Illinois, and Pacific, Missouri. During this time, she also earned a master’s degree in elementary education administration from St. Louis

University in St. Louis. From 1973-1974, she had a change of course in her ministry, serving as a healthcare administrator for Villa Gesu in St. Louis, a SSND retirement home. From there, she returned to school once again, achieving her nursing degree from De Paul Hospital in St. Louis. With her new certification, she became a full-time nurse at Villa Gesu for six years. In 1983, she became part of the nursing staff at Christan Hospital Northeast in St. Louis, a role she held for 26 years. In 2009, she retired from the healthcare field, and since then, she ministers as a volunteer in various places around the St. Louis area.

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

While in the aspiranture, Mother Theodosia would periodically have a class with us in the old high school library. On one particular day, she must have sensed I was a little “blue.” She asked to spend some time with me after class. I explained I was experiencing some doubts about what I had chosen. She informed me she was placing my name under a statue of Mary and our Blessed Mother would take care of me. As time went on, doubts were erased and here I am 70 years later.

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

Go with the flow!

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