

## CSA JUBILARIAN 2016

**Name of Jubilarian:** Beata Reiser

**Name of Birthplace/Hometown:** Lomira, WI

**Education: Schools/colleges/universities attended and degrees received:**

Silver Leaf School, Lomira, WI

Nativity of St. Mary's School, Lomira, WI

St. Agnes Convent High School, Fond du Lac, WI

St. Agnes School of Nursing, Fond du Lac, WI – RN

Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI – BSN

**Please name the places where you have ministered; if possible, list years. If you were a teacher, please name the parish or school, location, dates, and grade levels taught:**

1956-62 St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, WI  
1962-70 St. Clare Hospital, Monroe, WI  
1970-77 St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, WI  
1977-83 Nazareth Heights, Fond du Lac, WI  
1983-84 Fond du Lac Health Care Center, Fond du Lac, WI  
1984-85 The Place To Be, Oshkosh, WI  
1985-86 Ripon Memorial Hospital, Ripon, WI & Upjohn Healthcare Services  
1987-89 Grancare Center Nursing Home, Fond du Lac, WI  
1989-91 Nazareth Heights, Fond du Lac, WI  
1991-93 Whispering Pines Hospice (Inpatient), Jackson, MS  
1994-97 Hospice Care of Central Mississippi, Jackson, MS  
1997-2008 Hospice Ministries Branch Office, Forest, MS  
2008-13 Hospice Ministries Main Office, Jackson, MS

**Please provide a statement of 150 to 250 words using as your focus any or all of the following:**

My journey in religious life began in 1951 while I was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Nativity of St. Mary's School in Lomira, WI. Sister Irma Reichling, CSA, was the principal of the 2-room school with 4 grades in each classroom. The Sisters promoted vocations to religious life. I admired the Sisters but felt that other classmates would be called. But Sister Irma approached me and said, "Patricia, I think that you have a vocation." I was amazed to hear about it and did not reject the suggestion. I listened to Sister Irma and she prepared me to enter the aspirancy at St. Agnes Convent. The candidature and novitiate were challenging and inspiring. After first profession I was assigned to St. Agnes Hospital to attend St. Agnes School of Nursing. In September 1959 I graduated and received my RN license from the Wisconsin Board of Nursing. The difficulties and failures in my life have been a real blessing for me. Thanks to God and CSA for all the opportunities I have had.