

CSA ASSOCIATE JUBILARIAN 2016

Name of Jubilarian: Carol Heiman

Birthplace/Hometown: Ellis, Kansas

Education:

Marian College – BA Degree

UMKC-Missouri (K.C.) – Masters degree Secondary Education

Johnson Co. Community College & Art Institute of Kansas City, MO – Art certification

Places where you have ministered and the activities that demonstrate your commitment to the gospel mission through CSA associate relationship.

St. Joseph, Fond du Lac, WI – Teacher

Two Rivers, WI – Teacher

St. Mary's School, Oshkosh, WI – Teacher

St. Nicholas School, Evanston, IL – Teacher

Holy Trinity School, Lenexa, KS – Teacher

Hays, KS – Co-Director of Associates

- * **Share a story about a time, an event, or an experience in your life that affirms or speaks to your commitment as a CSA associate.**
- * **Share what it means to you to be celebrating jubilee in CSA and in the global Church.**
- * **Share a poem, a prayer, a reflection that has captured for you, the story of your journey as an associate.**

I think my journey to becoming an associate began when I left my home in Kansas at the age of 13 and traveled to Fond du Lac to become a Sister of St. Agnes. After 17 years of living as a sister, I left the community and lived in places where there were no CSA members and so lost touch with the community. However, I stayed connected with many of my friends—some who were still sisters and some who had also left the community. After I retired from my teaching career, I moved back to Kansas from where I had journeyed forth 48 years ago. I was delighted to find several CSA members in Hays, many I knew from my days in the community. As always, the sisters were so hospitable and I discovered there was a group called Associates of the Sisters of St. Agnes. I knew I wanted to be part of it. After a few years as a member, I was asked to become a member of the Vision Circle which entailed traveling to Fond du Lac several times over a couple of years. It was a journey that brought me full circle back to a community of dear friends.

I will always treasure my time in the CSA community, for it started the spiritual journey I've been on all my life since. I treasure the special people I met who became lifelong friends.

And so, I've come to this 15th Jubilee year as an Associate with gratitude for all the blessings I have and presently am receiving from my association with the Sisters of St. Agnes!