

CSA JUBILARIAN 2016

Name of Jubilarian: Collean Walsh

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Yonkers, NY

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

Sacred Heart High School

B.S. Education, Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI

M.A. Administration/Education, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, WI

Dayton University, Dayton, OH

Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.

Steubenville University, Pittsburgh, PA

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Marygrove College, Detroit, MI

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:

1946-49 St. Luke School, 2nd Grade Teacher, Two Rivers, WI

1949-58 St. Mary Help of Christians, 1-6 Grade Teacher, West Allis, WI

1958-60 St. Louis School, Vice Principal & 5-6 Grade Teacher, Fond du Lac, WI

1960-66 St. Ignatius School, Principal & 7-8 Grade Teacher, Houghton, MI

1966-67 St. Zachary School, 8th Grade Teacher, Des Plaines, IL

1967-75 St. Patrick School, Principal & 7-8 Grade Teacher, Hudson, WI

1975-90 St. Mary School, Principal, Crown Point, IN

1990-92 Precious Blood School, Principal, Fort Wayne, IN

1992-97 St. Elizabeth Seton School, Principal, Oshkosh, WI

1997-2003 FACES, Principal, Fond du Lac, WI

2003-11 FACES, Tutor, Grandparents Program, Fond du Lac, WI

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

To have lived as a Sister of St. Agnes for the past seventy years has truly been a privilege for me!

Growing up in a faith filled home and in Sacred Heart Parish, as well as attending Sacred Heart School from kindergarten through high school in Yonkers, New York, the spirit of caring, sharing and loving permeated our daily lives. The daily contact with the Sisters inspired me to do the same with my life. I wanted to share Jesus with others, as they shared Him with us. The Sisters and Priests were always present and interested at our activities.

Father Solanus Casey, OFM Cap., wrote: "Life is to live and life is to give. Talents are to be used for good, if you choose. Every day you will wonder at yourself for the richness of your life that has come to you through the grace of God." My life, as a Sister of St. Agnes, has truly been blessed and enriched, not only by the Sisters I lived and ministered with, but also by the thousands of people that have touched my life during these past seventy years.

Throughout the seventy years as an administrator and teacher, I have tried to see the good in each person, especially those who faced challenges in learning or had difficulty being accepted by others. I always encouraged the teachers and students to be the best they could be.

Now that I am retired, I believe one of my gifts is Presence. Regardless of the occasion, just a visit, a call, sending a card for a special event, speaks loud and clear that someone cares. You can pray with others, rejoice and show interest in them. We are told, "No one is to be an island." No one is to be left alone!

Christ gave His LIFE for me and I should live worthy of His great LOVE, as I share Christ with others each day.

It is with a very grateful heart that I thank God for His goodness to me throughout seventy years in religious life. Mother Teresa said, "We cannot ALL DO GREAT THINGS, but we can all do ALL SMALL THINGS with GREAT LOVE." That has been and continues to be the thread that is weaving a portrait of my life as a Sister of St. Agnes.