

CSA ASSOCIATE JUBILARIAN 2016

Name of Jubilarian: Eileen Harden

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Franklin, NJ/Mobile, AL

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

1976 Immaculate Conception Regional Grammar School, Franklin, NJ
1980 Pope John XXIII Regional High School, Sparta, NJ
1983 Holy Name Hospital School of Nursing, Teaneck, NY
1985 University of South Alabama College of Nursing, BSN, Mobile, AL

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:

Little Flower Catholic Church, Mobile, AL – Altar Society, Community Services Committee – Volunteer

Many Faith Formation Series, Faith Formation presenter, Parish Council (President 2014-16)
Bereavement Committee, Health Fair Coordinator, Blood Drive Coordinator, Lector/Reader,
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, School Board for Parish School.

McKemie Place Women's Homeless Shelter, Mobile, AL – volunteer monthly to cook and serve for 40-75 women.

Vision Circle, Fond du Lac, WI – 5-year member.

Local Coordinator for Mobile Associate Cluster

- * **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 had left the Church for 10 years, but felt called by God to return. My return was slow and tentative. I eventually joined RCIA class to ease my return. That class and that group of people changed my life. It was in this class that I met Sister Mary Martin Voglewede. She was a sponsor to Dot Reeves; we all became friends. Sister Mary Martin invited me to come and see about CSA Associates. She had to invite me several times. Once I said yes, I started on a journey that has led me to deepen my faith and to serve others as Jesus taught us. Service to others has become a cornerstone of my faith. I have come to the CSA Sisters and Associates that have touched my life. When we started to serve at the homeless shelter, we had choices to make about the type and quality of the food we had to buy and prepare. Someone made a joke, "Would you serve that to Jesus?" What started as a joke has become central to my decision making about all things. I have learned to really look at people and to see Jesus in everyone. Thank you CSA for helping me answer my call to God and enriching my life in so many ways.