

## CSA JUBILARIAN 2016

**Name of Jubilarian:** Julaine Meyer

**Name of Birthplace/Hometown:** Antwerp, OH

Sister Julaine Meyer was born Lucille Meyer in Antwerp, Ohio, to Joseph and Edna (Reinhart) Meyer, a farming family who lived two miles west of town and were members of St. Mary Church, Antwerp.

She attended Antwerp public school through grade 6, and then moved to Defiance, where the Meyer children, Lucille, Donald, Eugene, and eventually Ann and Agnes, attended St. John Catholic School and Defiance High. She entered the formation program for the Sisters of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, WI, September 12, 1953, from St. John the Evangelist Parish, Defiance, Ohio. After one year of candidature, and two years in the novitiate, she was professed on August 15, 1956, and pronounced final vows August 15, 1972.

### **Schools attended and Degrees Received:**

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

Marymount College, Salina, KS—Vatican II Institute (3 years)

Marygrove College, Detroit, MI—M.Ed.

St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN—Graduate studies/Administration

### **Places she has worked:**

1956-57 St. Mary School, Altoona, PA—Grade 4 Teacher

1957-63 Presentation School, North Fond du Lac, WI—Grades 2 & 3 Teacher

1963-67 Brother Dutton School, Beloit, WI—Grade 6 Teacher

1967-69 Holy Trinity School, Kewaskum, WI—Grade 8 Teacher and Principal

In the above four parishes, she also served as organist.

1969-77 St. Agnes Convent, Fond du Lac, WI—Director of Novitiate Program

1976 St. Charles Borromeo School, Bensenville, IL—Grade 8 Teacher

1977-89 St. Patrick School, Hudson, WI—Principal

1989-95 St. Patrick School, Janesville, WI—Principal

1995-2004 St. John the Baptist School, Jefferson, WI—Principal

2004-2006 St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, Briggsville, WI—Pastoral Leader

2007-2009 Nazareth Court and Center, Fond du Lac, WI—Administrative Coordinator for the USA retirement center

2010-present Residence at St. Agnes Convent—volunteer ministry with ASTOP of FdL

### **Additional information:**

I cannot remember a time when faith, prayer, grace, church, daily living, work, suffering, play, and humor were not considered normal routine and woven as a tapestry into what, as a child, I perceived to be an ordinary way of life. My mother taught me that faith is a gift freely given by God; that responsibility for appreciating that gift is mine. Both parents demonstrated a way of living that integrated prayer as routinely as eating, sleeping,

working and playing. When pain or illness interrupted our lives, we dealt with it. When happier times existed, we celebrated them. We lived with a pretty grateful attitude either way.

By the time I was to enter seventh grade, my parents were able to move the family to Defiance, Ohio, where we were given the opportunity to attend a Catholic school. Those years provided additional nourishment for my spiritual life. Because the Sisters of St. Agnes were teachers at St. John School, I was connected to a community of women religious who helped me further discern a calling I had known since second grade.

As I approach the completion of 60 years as a Sister of Saint Agnes, I am grateful for my family, church, rural roots and the many people who have become a part of my living. Precious moments include the ability to laugh, knowing that we walk on sacred ground. I am aware that the mystery of every day is new and life-giving, we are all God's people, God is always present, and we are challenged to live with generous and joyful hearts. All is gift!

What a journey!