

CSA ASSOCIATE JUBILARIAN 2016

Name of Jubilarian: Ronnie Palm

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Born in El Campo, Texas
Raised in North Fond du Lac, WI
Lived in Fond du Lac, WI
Currently living in Oshkosh, WI

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

Horace Mann High School, North Fond du Lac, WI – 1964
US Navy –1964-1968
Madison Technical College Culinary Arts Degree
Dietary Supervisor North West Technical College
Dale Carnegie Program

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:

Through the following organizations I have followed my commitment to the Gospel mission of my CSA associate relationship. Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degree volunteered with community programs and took clothing to sister parish in Arkansas. I am a member of AMVETS, Disabled Veterans and Viet Nam Veterans, again volunteering in community projects. I also have volunteered at King Nursing Home and served meals to the homeless veterans. Serving the poor and disenfranchised of society through the Knights of Columbus, I have driven clothing to our sister parish in Arkansas for the migrant workers that come to work in the tobacco fields as they cannot take the toxic clothing they wear into their homes or housing units after they have worn them working in the fields all day. I have also stayed with a fellow Knight who was dying of cancer so his wife could work. I attend different programs at CSA as well as at our parish to maintain my spiritual growth. I go to Associate events and pray with the Sisters as much as my time allows me to and still fulfill my commitments to the Oshkosh community. We also travel a lot to visit our three children who all live out of state. When we stay in Florida for extended periods of time, I have volunteered with the Knights of Columbus at our daughter's parish.

- * **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.**

Being an Associate of CSA has brought me closer to Jesus through my prayer life. As I participate in Associate activities, I have become more aware of the poor and disenfranchised of society especially with working through veterans organizations serving food and clothing to the homeless veteran. I also find a calling to pray and am more aware of those who need our assistance. I try to set an example of saying a meal prayer before meals even when we have company and they may be of another faith or no faith at all. Following the Beatitudes and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy has made me more aware of our global church especially when I drove the clothing to our sister parish and realized how we extend ourselves to more people than those we worship with in our own parish and community. Meeting Bishop Robert Morneau and attending one of his retreats was one of the most inspirational experiences of my life and I realized that taking time to just BE is often very important in my life so I can listen to the call of what the CSA Mission Statement means to me.