

Name of Jubilarian: Sister Ruth Battaglia

*Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Rice Lake, Wisconsin - Birthplace
Kewaskum, Wisconsin - Hometown*

Education, schools attended, and degrees received:

*Marian College, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin - B.A. in Road Social Studies
St. John's, Collegeville, Minnesota - M.A. in Religious Education*

Overview of positions held, locations, and dates where Sister Ruth has ministered:

*1/1972-6/72 - St. Joseph's School, Fort Wayne, Indiana - 7th and 8th grade
1972-78 - Marian High School, Hays, Kansas - Freshmen through seniors (history, theology)
1978-80 - Immaculate Conception High School, Elmhurst, Illinois - Freshmen through Juniors (theology)
1980-84 - St. Mary Springs High School, Fond du Lac, WI. - (theology)
1984-89 - St. Fidelis Parish, Victoria, Kansas - Director of Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry
1989-98 - Sacred Heart Cathedral, Gallup New Mexico - Pastoral Ministry
1998-99 - Sabbatical
1999-2004 - St. Mary's Parish, Farmington, New Mexico - Director of Religious Education
2004-05 - Diocese of Gallup, NM, - Facilitator for Religious Education and Liturgy
2005-09 - CSA General Councilor, Fond du Lac, WI,
2009 -Present - Holy Mother of Consolation Church, Oregon, WI - Pastoral Associate,*

Thoughts on Religious Life:

When we were novices, we selected Mary in the feast of her Annunciation as the patron for our group. Her response and our mantra, "Yes Lord!" was prominently displayed on a banner in the novitiate. While we knew at that time, 1968-69, that changes in religious life were happening elsewhere and were about to occur in our community (We sang Bob Dylan's The Times They are a-Changing with gusto in eager anticipation), I am sure we never imagined what that would mean as we eagerly proclaimed our "Yes, Lord" through the profession of our vows on August 15 of 1970.

"Yes, Lord" also became my personal mantra. I would return to it many times in the next forty years. Not all of my yeses were as eager and as bold as my first. Some were uttered rather grudgingly. All of them opened vistas I never envisioned. Each new yes is an affirmation and a deepening of that first yes forty years ago. Each yes compels me to be more like Mary, pondering in my heart the wonderful and mysterious ways God leads me through time that is endlessly "a-changing".