

CSA JUBILARIAN 2017

Name of Jubilarian: Anne Jude Van Lanen

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Wrightstown, WI

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

St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School, Wrightstown, WI

St. Agnes School of Nursing and Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI

Mexican-N. American Cultural Center, Mexico City – Language/Cultural Studies

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:

1955-59 St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, WI –General Nursing

1960-70 Waspam, Nicaragua –Medical Missionary

1970-72 St. Anthony Hospital, Hays, KS –General Nursing

1973-80 & 1998-2003 CSA Congregational Ministry

1980-90 St. Agnes Hospital Hospice Hope, Fond du Lac, WI – Hospice Nursing

1990-96 Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua –Religious Life Formation

2003-present St. Agnes Hospital Hospice Hope, Fond du Lac, WI –Hospice Care Volunteer

Share a story about a time, an event, or an experience in your vowed life that affirms or speaks to your lifelong commitment as a vowed woman religious.

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 in religious life.

SHORT BIO

I have never ceased to marvel at God's initial and on-going call to "come" and "follow." There has been a grace provided for every moment and every step along the way, with one stipulation: "Trust Me." Living with the conviction that the Holy Spirit leads, God has never made a mistake in my life! Have some experiences been painful? "Yes." Were these mistakes? "No." With time, God's design always became manifest to me.

Gratitude is due to my parents and family for a solid foundation in faith; not just taught in word, but lived out in their daily lives. Sixteen years of service in Nicaragua and many decades of hospice ministry have been a source of great joy and many blessings in my life. All those whom I have served, have enriched my life and I am grateful. All of creation, all of nature and, especially, music has been food for my soul. A sense of humor with an ability to laugh at the incongruities of life has been so fruitful.

From the days of early childhood to this present day in my life, God has allowed deep within my heart a sense that I am tenderly loved and never alone. The opportunity to experience wonderful relationships has provided a means of expressing this love that I have enjoyed for over 80 years of life, and 60 years as a Sister of St. Agnes.