

## CSA JUBILARIAN 2017

**Name of Jubilarian:** Ellen Swan

**Name of Birthplace/Hometown:** Portage, WI

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

Concordia University, Milwaukee, WI – BA Management and Communication

**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:**

Moldova - Peace Corps – worked with an NGO and the local library for organizational and community development. Taught English and yoga to high school girls and women from the community.

U. S. – Fond du Lac and Monroe, WI – Worked as Director of Associate Relationship with CSA; volunteer at Fond du Lac Center for Spirituality and Healing; volunteered with Literacy programs in Fond du Lac and Monroe, WI; involved with various community service organizations such as United Way, Library Board, Kiwanis.

*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.*

### Be Lost In The Call

Lord, said David, since you do not need us,  
why did you create these two worlds?  
Reality replied: O prisoner of time,  
I was a secret treasure of kindness and generosity,  
and I wished this treasure to be known,  
so I created a mirror: its shining face, the heart;  
its darkened back, the world;  
The back would please you if you've never seen the face.  
Has anyone ever produced a mirror out of mud and straw?  
Yet clean away the mud and straw,  
and a mirror might be revealed.  
Until the juice ferments a while in the cask,  
it isn't wine. If you wish your heart to be bright,  
you must do a little work.  
My King addressed the soul of my flesh:  
You return just as you left.  
Where are the traces of my gifts?  
We know that alchemy transforms copper into gold.  
This Sun doesn't want a crown or robe from God's grace.  
He is a hat to a hundred bald men,  
a covering for ten who were naked.  
Jesus sat humbly on the back of an ass, my child!  
How could a zephyr ride an ass?

Spirit, find your way, in seeking lowness like a stream.  
Reason, tread the path of selflessness into eternity.  
Remember God so much that you are forgotten.  
Let the caller and the called disappear;  
be lost in the Call.