

CSA JUBILARIAN 2017

Name of Jubilarian: Joleen Retzer

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

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

Mother of Perpetual Help School, Milwaukee, WI – Grade 1-8

St. Mary's Springs Academy, Fond du Lac, WI – Grades 9-12

Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI – BS Education

St. Scholastica College, Duluth, MN – MA Education

Librarian Certification, State of Arizona

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:

1968-72 St. Joseph's School, Rosemount, MN – Grades 4 & 1 (2, 3, 5)

1972-74 St. Mary's School, Crown Point, IN – Grade 5

1974-77 Sacred Heart School, Yonkers, NY – Grades 5-6

1977-80 St. John's School, Waunakee, WI – Grades 5-6

1980-84 St. Mary's School, Fond du Lac, WI – Grades 5-6, 7-8

1984-87 Sacred Heart Cathedral School, Gallup, NM – Grades 6-8

1987-88 Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI -- Library

1988-2007 Tsehootsooi Middle School, Fort Defiance, AZ – Grades 6-8 (Science)

2007-present Tsehootsooi Middle School, Fort Defiance, AZ – Grades 6-8, Librarian

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.

Jubilee is a time to pause, remember and be THANKFUL. The journey of religious life has been an incredible one. What a gift to have entered before Vatican II and to have lived with its many blessings. The seeds of Faith were planted by my family; reformed, nurtured and continuously given direction through life with my sisters of St. Agnes; given energy and enriched by my students, co-workers, parishioners – the Church. Always God's faithful love has been there to support me over the plains, bumps and up to the mountain top.