

## CSA JUBILARIAN 2018

**Name of Jubilarian:** Cecelia Schlaefer

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

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

St. Matthew, Campbellsport, WI – Grade School

St. Mary's Springs Academy, Fond du Lac, WI – High School

Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI – Bachelor's Degree - Music

Catholic University of America, Washington, DC – Master of Arts - Music & Doctor of Musical Arts

**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:**

1943-45	Hays, KS
1945-49	Altoona, PA
1949-58	Decatur, IN
1958-63	St. Florian, Milwaukee, WI
1964-65	St. Mary's Springs, Fond du Lac, WI
1969-70	New London, WI
1972-86	Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI
1986-2017	Mesa, AZ

*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.*

Since I was 3 years old, I knew I was called to be a Spouse of Christ. Attending Catholic grade school and St. Mary's Springs Academy confirmed it. In 1940 I joined CSA and continued musical studies as listed in the timeline above, completed by earning degrees from Catholic University in Music, Literature and Liturgy in 1974.

Throughout my life in ministry, I had the joy of sharing God's gift of music in varied ways. Beginning with the years as an elementary and a high school music teacher, I also taught private orchestral lessons. I started and directed local symphonies and choruses and was privileged to play violin in already-established city orchestras wherever I was teaching. During my 16 years on the faculty of Marian College in Fond du Lac, my life was filled with teaching and performing music, founding and directing a symphonic orchestra and mixed chorus there as well. At this time also, I played cornet in the Fond du Lac concert band. The past thirty years were spent in Mesa, AZ, where, among other ways of serving God's people, I found opportunities to participate in and lead musically-oriented activities. Truly, it has been my joy as organist, teacher and performer to share God's gift of music for the past 75 years of religious life.