

CSA JUBILARIAN 2017

Name of Jubilarian: Judith Vander Grinten

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Eden, WI

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

Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI – BS Education

Marygrove College, Detroit, MI – M. Ed.

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI – MSW

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:

1968-70 St. Peter Claver School, Sheboygan, WI – Grade 3 & 6
1970-72 St. John's School, Waunakee, WI – Grade 5 & 6
1972-77 Holy Family School, Bronx, NY – Grade 5 & 6
1977-79 St. Henry School, Fort Wayne, IN – Grade 5 & 6
1979-81 Brother Dutton School, Beloit, WI – Grade 5 & 6
1981-82 Shalom Ministry, Chicago, IL
1982-86 Catholic Charities, St. Paul, MN – Refugee Resettlement
1986-88 UWM – School
1988-89 Service Center of Catholic Social Services, Mobile, AL – Associate Director
1989-2001 Service Center of Catholic Social Services, Mobile, AL – Director
2001-02 Sabbatical
2002-07 Nazareth Court and Center, Fond du Lac, WI – Local Coordinator
2007-present SET Ministry, Inc., Milwaukee, WI – Housing Case Manager (homeless families and individuals)

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.

As a young sister I was invited to broaden my world as I looked ahead to further schooling possibilities. It was not only schooling but all of life's experiences that brought me to a deep awareness and rootedness in the message of John 17:21 "that all may be one." As I left my ministry as a teacher for 13 years, I became a student again. I learned through my ministry with Cambodian refugees who were Buddhist in Chicago and Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN. I learned as I worked with those struggling for basic survival needs in Mobile, AL. I learned as I journeyed with our elderly Sisters as they prepared to meet their Creator and now I learn as I serve families and individuals who have experienced deep loss to the point of becoming homeless. I learned and experienced deeply that we are all brothers and sisters, and we are all God's children put here on this earth to share our gifts and make it a better place for ALL! Gifts that I have discovered within myself enable me to carry out our CSA Mission Statement which invites us to work for justice for the economically poor and to further the role of women and in doing so I am incredibly enriched as I walk with our brothers and sisters!