

## CSA JUBILARIAN 2017

**Name of Jubilarian:** Stella Marie Karls

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

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

Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI – BS Education

Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, WI

Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, WI

Alverno University, Milwaukee, WI

Loyola University, Chicago, IL

**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:**

1958-63 Holy Trinity School, Kewaskum, WI – Grades 2 & 3  
1963-69 St. Zachary, Des Plaines, IL – Grades 1 & 3  
1969-70 Holy Family, Bronx, NY – Grade 5  
1970-75 St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee, WI – Grade 2  
1975-77 Presentation, Marytown, WI – Grade 1 & 2  
1977-95 St. Joseph, St. Mary, Fond du Lac, WI – Grade 1 & Building Principal  
Supervised 10 student teachers at different times.

**Please provide a statement of 150 to 250 words using as your focus any or all of the following:**

I was born in Waunakee, Wisconsin, to wonderful faith-filled parents. I was one of thirteen children.

My desire to be a Sister of St. Agnes resulted from Sister Johnel Ruder asking me to consider if I had a vocation to be a Sister of St. Agnes. I spent much time in prayer and discernment, if that is where God wanted me to be.

In January 1953, I entered the Community. I always wanted to be a homemaker, but was encouraged to be a teacher. A decision I have never regretted. The many, many years I taught in the primary grades have brought much joy and happiness in my ministry.

Life has many challenges for us to encounter. What does one do with the challenges? My answer to this question is “To ACT justly, to LOVE tenderly and to WALK humbly with my God.” (Micah: 6:8)