

**Name of Jubilarian:** Sister Marise Meis

**Name of Birthplace/Hometown:** Russell, Kansas

**Education, schools attended, and degrees received:**

Public Grade Schools in Russell, Wichita & Hays, Kansas, & Portage County, Wisconsin  
Girls' Catholic High School, Hays, Kansas  
Saint Agnes High School, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin  
Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin – Bachelor in Education  
Catholic University of Ponce, Puerto Rico – Spanish language & intercultural studies  
Mexican-American Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas

**Overview of positions held, locations, and dates where Sister Marise has ministered:**

1959-1961, Saint Patrick's, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher  
1961-1965, Holy Family, Bronx, New York – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher  
1966-1967, Cardinal Spellman School for Boys, Quito, Ecuador – English for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades  
1967-1968, Saint Rose of Lima School, Rosita, Nicaragua – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher  
1968-1973, Instituto Bartolomé Colón, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua – English teacher & other subjects  
1974, St. Mary's, Ellis, Kansas – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
1975-1988, Instituto Monseñor Mateo, Rosita, Nicaragua – English teacher  
1988-1990, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua - Ministry of Formation for CSA in Latin America  
1990-1998, Managua, Nicaragua (home base) – Regional Coordinator for CSA in Latin America  
1999-2001, San Isidro Parish, La Ceiba, Honduras – Literacy and Catechesis  
2002-2009, Saint Rose of Lima High School & St. Rose of Lima Parish, Rosita, Nicaragua  
English Teacher and Coordinator of Catechesis  
2004-2009, URRACAN (Universidad de las Regiones Autónomas de la Costa Caribe Nicaragüense),  
Rosita, Nicaragua – English teacher

**Thoughts on Religious Life:**

“This is the will of God, your sanctification.” These words were spoken to us by the retreat director when we were preparing for the profession of our perpetual vows in 1965, 44 years ago. I still have the holy card with that handwritten theme given to me by Mother Rosita Handibode, our Mother Superior at that time. These words have echoed through my life since then, through the good times, through the hard times, on the smooth path and on the rocky road. But it hasn't been just my sanctification at the center, it has been with other sisters, with family, with collaborators in ministry, with priests, with people – children, youth and adults with whom I have had contact, whom I have ministered to and that have ministered to me - evangelizada por los pobres.

I praise and bless the Lord for these years and for all the people who have touched my life and ever kept me on that way to holiness and wholeness - 7 years in the USA and 43 years in 3 countries of Latin America. ¡Alabado seas mi Señor!