



2023 JUBILEE

Celebrating 60 years

Sister Barbara DeBoo



EDUCATION

St. Barbara • Brookfield, IL

St. Alexander • Villa Park, IL – BS in Education

Immaculate Conception High School • Elmhurst, IL – BS in Education

Marian University • Fond du Lac, WI – BS in Education

MINISTRY SITES

1964 - 1965 **St. Peter Claver • Sheboygan, WI** – Teacher (Grade 2)

1965 - 1969 **St. Joseph • Hays, KS** – Teacher (Primary Grades)

1969 - 1972 **St. Isidore • Cloverdale, IL** – Teacher (Grades 3-4)

1972 - 1975 **St. Zachary School • Des Plaines, IL** – Teacher (Grade 5)

1975 - 1978 **St. Cloud • St. Cloud, WI** – Teacher (Grade 5)

1978 - 1981 **St. John the Baptist • New Haven, IN** – Teacher (Grades 5-6)

1981 - 1992 **St. Mary's Jr. High • Fond du Lac, WI** – Ministry to homebound & bereaved

1992 - 2019 **St. Michael Indian School • St. Michaels, AZ** – Campus Minister, Guidance Counselor, Religion Teacher

FIRST PROFESSION

1963

BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN

Brookfield, IL

STORIES FROM MINISTRY

A year or two after making my final vows in 1969, I was at the motherhouse for a meeting. Mid-afternoon I went to the dining room for a cup of coffee, Sr. John Baptist, then General Superior, was at a table with a few sisters. She called me over and asked me, "Do you know you are supposed to be dead?" "No" I answered "and I'm glad I didn't know." "Yes" she answered. "None of the doctors thought you would live to make your final vows."

WORDS OF ADVICE

I treasure life in all its forms. As each day unfolds, I welcome the blessings no matter how small, that reveal themselves and I give thanks. Some days hold moments of darkness and I have learned that even those dark moments hold a blessing waiting to be revealed.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

I have been blessed to have lived in nine different locations for ministry during these past 60 years. The sisters with whom I lived and ministered were and are very special gifts in my life. I learned so much from those to whom and with whom I worked, prayed with, and laughed and cried with. I am still learning from them.

HOW CSA CHARISM INSPIRES ME

The CSA charism inspires me to continue embracing each day with a spirit of gratitude and joy for the blessings and challenges that will be revealed. Every morning I ask Jesus to show me how I can be his partner.



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