



2024 JUBILEE

Celebrating 60 years

Sister

Marilyn Ellickson



MINISTRY SITES

- 1965 - 1966 **St. Stanislaus School**
Posen, IL
Teacher (Grade 3)
- 1965 - 1968 **St. Joseph's Elementary**
Hayes, KS
Teacher (Grade 1)
- 1965 - 1968 **Jefferson East Elementary**
Hayes, KS
Teacher (Grade 2)
- 1968 - 1970 **St. Jude's Elementary**
Milwaukee, WI
Teacher (Grade 2)
- 1970 - 1976 **New York, Harlem**
Teacher (Grade 2)
- 1976 - 1982 **New York, Harlem**
Teacher (Grade 6)
- 1982 - 1984 **New York, Bronx**
Teacher (Grade 6)
- 1984 - 1990 **St. Margaret Mary School**
Milwaukee, WI
Teacher (Grade 6)
- 1990 - 1993 **Marian University**
Fond du Lac, WI
Desktop Publisher
- 1993 - 1994 **Doris Klein's Art Studio**
Milwaukee, WI
Business Office
- 1995 - 2006 **Mount Mary College**
Milwaukee, WI
Administrative Assistant
- 2006 - 2007 **CSA • Fond du Lac, WI –**
Formatted the book Ordinary Sisters for Press
- 2007 - **The Leo House • NY –**
Administrative Assistant, Director of Development, Newsletter Editor, Correspondent w/ Donors

FIRST PROFESSION

1964

STORIES FROM MINISTRY

I am so proud of the Sisters of Saint Agnes who had served years ahead of me here at The Leo House. It is a blessing and a privilege to follow in their footsteps and to be a member of a Community committed to carrying their charism into the future.

Current Leo House donors send letters, little notes, and contributions in memory of and in gratitude for the outstanding hospitality experienced 30-40 years ago. Some remembered the Sisters' kindness at times of mind-boggling personal and family tragedy. I would go to the Court and Center during summer CSA Days and speak with those who had served at The Leo House before retirement. I asked if they remembered these families and individuals. "Oh, we did that all the time," was the response.

One family brought their oldest son, a young teen, for a first time visit to the city. While here, he suffered a brain aneurysm and lingered at St. Vincent Hospital. Other family members came to say their good-byes. Accommodations for them were at The Leo House thanks to the Sisters who managed the guesthouse. Listening with compassionate hearts to the grieving parents made such an impact, that three times a year, at Christmas, for their son's birthday, and on the anniversary of his death, they send a sizable contribution in gratitude for the kindness extended years previous.

Another family extended their heartfelt thank you and gratitude to the Sisters "who took care of our mother. She sat all day with our oldest brother who was dying of AIDS at St. Vincent Hospital." At The Leo House they made sure she was comfortable and had enough to eat.

The friends of a severely wounded young woman, made sure the girl's parents and grandparents had a secure, comfortable place to stay at night, while attending their dying daughter, again at St. Vincent Hospital. The young woman was a recent graduate from the Yale School of Drama and working toward an acting career in NY. Part-time work as a waitress and small movie roles filled her day. An ex-boyfriend started stalking her at all hours and one evening followed her home and at the door, shot her in the face. The shocked, grieving family sat with her, prayed, and spoke to her even though her face and head were completely covered with gauze and bandages. When she died, her grandmother found solace in The Leo House garden and in memory of her granddaughter, had a garden plaque inscribed and anchored in a flower bed. The family also started a foundation which continues to support young students pursuing the Fine Arts.

For those working to advance the mission of CSA:

1. Kindness never grows old.
2. Trust the transformative power of God.
3. Kindness generates kindness. We may not see immediate results of our actions, but 40 years from now, who knows? Today's kindness may be transformed into generosity and into a really good story!

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