## Sister Jean Perry

FIRST PROFESSION

1955

**BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN** 

Muncie, IN

## **EDUCATION**

St. Lawrence School • Muncie, IN – Grades 1-9

Center High School • Perry Twp., IN – Grade 10

St. Agnes High School • Fond du Lac, WI – Grades 11-12, Diploma Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI – BS in Education

Creighton University • Omaha, NE – MS in Education

## MINISTRY SITES

1955 -1960

Brother Dutton School Beloit, WI Grades 6-8

1960 -1964 St. Louis School Fond du Lac, WI Grades 6-7

1964 -1966 Jefferson West School Hays, KS Grades 7-8

1966 -1968 St. Luke School Two Rivers, WI Grade 8

1968 -1975 St. Joseph School Rosemount, MN Principal & Teacher – Grade 8

1975 -1977 SS. Mary & Joseph School Fond du Lac, WI Principal for Grades 5-8

1977 -1981 Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes • Fond du Lac, WI General Council Member

## MINISTRY SITES

1981 -1990 Precious Blood School Ft. Wayne, IN Principal

1990 -1991

**University of San Diego San Diego, CA** Spiritual Ministry/Sabbatical

1991 -2001 St. Louis the King School Glendale, AZ Principal

2001 -2013 **St. Louis the King Parish Glendale, AZ**Pastoral Associate/Parish Admin

2013 -2014 St. Louis the King Parish Glendale, AZ Volunteer

2014 -2024 Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes • Fond du Lac, WI Retirement/Community Volunteer

2024 -

Nazareth Court & Center Fond du Lac, WI Retirement

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## STORIES FROM MINISTRY

I can trace my call and desire to become a sister from both family and elementary school experiences. My two aunts became Sisters of St. Agnes long before I was born. My mother and all of my siblings were taught by the Sisters of St. Agnes at St. Lawrence School in Muncie, Indiana. Year after year I raised my hand when the priests came to the classroom and asked who would like to become a sister. I also remember clearly a prayer I prayed when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. I asked God to not let the world end until I could be a sister!! In 1951, I entered St. Agnes Convent, professed my first vows in 1955 and never looked back!

## **WORDS OF ADVICE**

As stated in the CSA Mission Statement, "... we, (Sisters of St. Agnes), participate in the mission of Jesus by joyful service in the Church, always aware that we, too, are among the needy and are enriched by those we serve". We invite those who wish to advance CSA's mission in a more formal way, to recall their own baptismal call as disciples of Jesus. If, after prayer and discernment and a desire to participate with CSA in a more formal way, we invite these individuals to join with us in mutual activities that promote the mission of Jesus.

### A BLESSING TO SHARE

As I reflect on God's unconditional love throughout my entire life, I realize how blessed I have been. I repeat for this 70th anniversary part of what I wrote for my 60th: "...I celebrate in gratitude for my family who were the first to love and support me; ... for my sisters in community with whom I have lived, worked and loved, and who have been an inspiration to me to remain faithful to my call; ... for all the children, parents, teachers, priests, co-workers and friends with whom I shared ministry in so many places; Above all, I pray that ... I may continue to strive 'to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with my God' (Micah:6.8) for the remainder of my life.

### HOW CSA CHARISM INSPIRES ME

I am inspired by the fidelity of all the Sisters with whom I have shared community and ministry for the past seventy years, as together we strive to continue the mission of Jesus and "reveal God's love" as "joyful witnesses of the risen Christ." This mission and charism of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes give me daily purpose and trust in God's grace to help me live out my call to apostolic religious life as a Sister of St. Agnes in our world today.