

# Sister Jean Salchert

### FIRST PROFESSION

1965

BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN Fond du Lac, WI

### EDUCATION

Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI – BS in Education Mount Mary College • Milwaukee, WI – BA in Art Therapy Springhill College • Mobile, AL – Spiritual Direction Certification

#### MINISTRY SITES



St. Cloud St. Cloud, WI Grades 1-2



**St. Mary Nanty Glo, PA** Grade 2



1974 -

1981

Sacred Heart Yonkers, NY Grade 1

St. Ann's Home

Milwaukee, WI

Art/activities

St. Florian West Milwaukee, WI Grade 2

1982 -1983

1983 -1984 Service Center of Catholic Social Services • Mobile, AL – Intake worker, administrative assistant, clothing & food department head

### MINISTRY SITES



**St. Francis Home Fond du Lac, WI** Art/activities

## 2011 -2020

Nazareth Court & Center Fond du Lac, WI Local Coordinator



Nazareth Court & Center Fond du Lac, WI Volunteer in Chapel



**St. Francis Home Fond du Lac, WI** Volunteer in Chapel



Women's Empowerment Fond du Lac, WI Volunteer

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### STORIES FROM MINISTRY

There have been many downs in my life when I wonder: What is the purpose for which God has made me? Each down time, o time in the darkness, brings out a new light. God is with me, no matter my limitations and faults, fears and doubts. God just keeps saying: 'I am with you'. The more mature I become in age and wisdom, my outlook on life, on religious life grows deeper. It all becomes one loving relationship with the God

of love. God is writing a love story with each of us, as we can see in the Scriptures, both Old Testament and New Testament. God continues to write a love story in our world today. Are we listening? Are we letting ourselves be a part of that love story?

## WORDS OF ADVICE

#### "transformation of self, Church, and world"

Be yourself - your God given gifts are unique to you. God desires you to use them for the purpose for which God made you. No one else can do what God desires you to do. There is no need to compare, for that will get you no where. There is no need to judge because we do not know what God has in mind for the other. Anyhow judging someone is also judging yourself. Do you notice the 'beam'? We always need to act in some way. That way will differ for each person. Reflect - What is the gift God has given you?

### A BLESSING TO SHARE

I believe the blessing I received from God is the ability to write about justice and nature - life in general. So I give you: No room in the Inn Outside in the stable \ God in human form, Jesus was born \ Wrapped in a cloth \ No trumpet blasts, only angel choirs in the shepherd lands \ No big parades, only lowly shepherds with their sheep \ No paparazzi, only foreigners bearing gifts \ God has come to live among us! \ Do we see God in those who have no place to stay? Do we see God in babies born in struggling situations? \ Do we see God in the outsider, the one who is different? Or is there, no room in our hearts and so we turn away But God is still present and living among us. **2018** 

The small tree among the tall pines \ Stands as a powerful message for our times \ Though it seems insignificant to the powers around it \ It flourishes and gives birth \ Birds rest in its branches \ Squirrels scamper up its trunk \ God's creation is speaking to us by its very existence Do we not see or hear the message? \ All of creation has a purpose \ No matter how small or how tall \ How weak or how powerful \ It uses the gifts it has to praise the Lord \ By giving of itself for others. We are to do the same. \ Not lord it over or despair of meaning \ But share what we have willingly \ To the glory of the God who made us. So whether I feel like the small tree Or the powerful pines, \ All I have I give as God's law of love commands. This inner attitude of love and generosity \ Is the source of peace and joy that only God can give. The small tree among the tall pines \ Stands as a poweful message for our times. **2003** 

### HOW CSA CHARISM INSPIRES ME

We are ordinary people who at times do extraordinary things because we trust that God is our source of inspiration and is working through us. It is God's Spirit that encourages me to write, to draw, to speak, to take the risk in trusting God.