



2026 JUBILEE

Celebrating 60 years



## Sister Jean Hinderer

### FIRST PROFESSION

1966

### BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN

Beloit, WI

### EDUCATION

#### Brother Dutton • Beloit, WI

*Grade School*

#### Beloit Catholic High School

Beloit, WI

*High School*

#### Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI

*B.S. Elementary Education, Elementary,  
1-8 Life License*

#### Clarke College • Dubuque, IA

*M.A. Reading Concentration*

#### Loyola University/Pastoral Studies Institute • Chicago, IL

*M.A. Pastoral Studies*

#### Franciscan Spirituality Center La Crosse, WI

*Certification in Spiritual Direction*

#### ForMission Program Silver Spring, MD

*Formators for Religious Life Formation  
Program*

### STORIES FROM MINISTRY

During my time as a formator, I traveled to Chicago to help organize a year-long program of presentations and prayer activities for both men and women novices.

At our initial planning meeting, the group leader shared that weekly liturgies would be held on Tuesdays, following the preferences of the previous year's group.

Recognizing the importance of engaging the current participants, I asked if we could consider what this year's group might appreciate. In particular, I raised the question of how the women novices would be involved, and whether they would have the opportunity to deliver a homily, given that our gathering was not in a parish setting.

After thoughtful discussion and a focus on ensuring active participation from everyone, it was decided that every other Tuesday, the women novices would lead a prayer service and reflection. On alternate Tuesdays, the men would provide the liturgy. This arrangement acknowledged and valued the unique contributions of all members.

As we left the planning room, Fr. John approached me and expressed his gratitude, saying, "Jean, thank you for reminding us of how women can play a significant part in these activities. Sometimes we forget." I replied, "Thanks, John. We never forget."

Mission Statement

- Furtherance of the role of women in church and society
- Mutuality, inclusivity and collaboration



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### WORDS OF ADVICE

We, the Sisters of St. Agnes, commit ourselves to furthering the role of women in church and society. Our deep and vital union with God calls us to discern our distinct contribution as a community of women religious to the ongoing transformation of the world. We recognize the reality of oppression in the lives of women and the effect of that oppression on the dignity and rights of all people.

We commit ourselves, therefore, to work for justice and reconciliation endeavoring to:

- cultivate an inclusive spirituality which empowers both women and men
- promote educational opportunities which liberate women
- network to transform existing structures in church and society which oppress women.

### A BLESSING TO SHARE

#### A Prayer

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep in your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people and the earth so that you will work for justice, equity, and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer so you will reach out your hands to comfort them and change their pain into joy. And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so you will do the things which others say cannot be done.

—Sr. Ruth Fox, OSB, 1985

### HOW CSA CHARISM INSPIRES ME

The song title, *Do You Remember the Call?*, perfectly captures my personal journey. It serves as a reminder of the invitation to respond with commitment and faith throughout my life.

As I celebrate sixty years as a member of CSA, my heart is filled with gratitude. Over the years, I have been given countless opportunities to grow, stretch, and be challenged. These experiences have shaped my response to the Call and have been integral to my life as a vowed woman religious.

I am committed to continuing the mission of Jesus, drawing strength from the legacy of the sisters who have gone before me. Their example as “joyful witnesses” inspires me to reveal God’s love, mercy, and compassion. As women of courage, we show pastoral concern for those whose faith life or human dignity is threatened, striving always to uplift and support them.

(CSA Constitutions #1):

*Called by God in the power of the Spirit. we continue Jesus’ mission of revealing his Father’s love according to the purpose and spirit of our Founders.*



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### MINISTRY SITES

1967 -  
1969

**St. Ignatius School  
Houghton, MI**  
*Elementary Teacher*

1969 -  
1973

**St. John-Sacred Heart Catholic  
School • Hilbert, WI**  
*Elementary Teacher*

1973 -  
1980

**Saints Mary and Joseph Catholic  
School • Fond du Lac, WI**  
*Elementary Teacher & Reading Coordinator*

1980 -  
1982

**St. Margaret Mary School • Milwaukee,  
WI** - *Reading Coordinator & Reading  
Teacher*

1982 -  
1985

**Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI**  
*Clinical Coordinator & Reading  
Instructor*

1985 -  
1994

**Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI**  
*Director of Clinical Experiences & Associ-  
ate Professor; Educational Studies Division*

1995 -  
1998

**St. Anne's Home for the Elderly  
Milwaukee, WI**  
*Part-time Receptionist*

1997 -  
2000

*Self-employed; spiritual direction,  
private and directed retreats*

1998 -

*Spiritual Director and Retreat  
Director*

2000 -  
2006

*Self-employed; spiritual direction, private and  
directed retreats; Congregation of Sisters of  
St. Agnes Formation Membership Team*

2006 -  
2009

**Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI**  
*IGNITE of Vocation Development &  
Discernment*

2006 -  
2014

**CSA Vocation Discernment Ministry  
Fond du Lac, WI**  
*Spiritual Director & Retreat Director*

2007 -

**Nazareth Court/Center  
Fond du Lac, WI**  
*Coordinator of CSA Annual Retreat*

2010 -  
2025

**Spiritual Direction Preparation  
Program • La Crosse, WI**  
*Supervisor/mentor to Participants of SDPP*

2012 -

**Streams and Stirrings Blog  
[csavocations.blogspot.com](http://csavocations.blogspot.com)**  
*Blogger of Reflections & Prayer Resources*