



2026 JUBILEE

Celebrating 60 years



Sister Joanita Stelter

MINISTRY SITES

1967 -
1970

St. Mark's Grade School
Two Rivers, WI
Teacher

1996

FAMILIA
Denver, CO
Aids Minister

1970 -
1974

St. Mary's Grade School
Oshkosh, WI
Teacher

1997 -
1999

Hear Now
Denver, CO
Development Staff

1974 -
1978

Holy Family Grade School
Bronx, NY
Teacher

1999 -
2019

Starkey Hearing Foundation
Eden Prairie, MN
Manager|US

1978 -
1981

Presentation Grade School
North Fond du Lac, WI
Principal

2019 -

CSA Motherhouse
Fond du Lac, WI
Motherhouse Administrator

1981 -
1983

Beloit Catholic High School
Beloit, WI
Teacher

1983 -
1987

Thomas More Prep Marian
Hays, KS
Teacher

1987 -
1991

Sacred Heart High School
Yonkers, NY
Teacher

1991 -
1995

Thomas More Prep Marian
Hays, KS
Teacher

FIRST PROFESSION

1966

BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN

Hastings, MN / Rosemount, MN

EDUCATION

St. Joseph Grade School
Rosemount, MN

Grade School

St. Mary's Springs Academy
Fond du Lac, WI

High School

Marian University • Fond du Lac, WI

B.S. Education

Dayton University • Dayton, OH

M.S. Education



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STORIES FROM MINISTRY

At the time I had just decided to leave active ministry and the service I called home for 23 years, the office phone rang. The caller, our then General Superior, invited me to consider the opportunity to minister at our Motherhouse as the Administrator. The question was not off-putting, but the invitation did not coincide with my plans to return to and foster my love of reading and engagement in volunteer activities while establishing a somewhat slower pace. We never know when, from where, or in what form the call to serve arrives. Saying yes was not difficult since I was longing to live closer to our sisters—little did I realize that working at the Motherhouse would be about as close as one could come to living among the sisters. A new, unsought, and unexpected ministry has afforded the opportunity to reconnect with my Sisters, serve in new ways, continue learning, all while fostering the love of reading.

WORDS OF ADVICE

Opportunities to advance our mission present themselves daily. While it is important to focus on what captures the immediate attention, a spirit of openness to opportunities beyond what is immediate exist and can lead to what is deeper and perhaps more profoundly far-reaching.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

While we live in a forward motion, we understand what we have lived by looking back to where we have been, what we have done, and with whom we have traveled the path we call life. Today, I understand, as at no other time, how pivotal people have been to my graced life. Many of the people who either suggested the way, pointed me in the right direction, or walked part of the journey with me are no longer here in person. However, they live on in every aspect of my living. All the good achieved, any accomplishment attained have not been mine alone. It is my prayer that others are so richly blessed by wise companions, insightful mentors, trusted friends as have touched my life.

HOW CSA CHARISM INSPIRES ME

As a foundation we undertook guiding the little ones in the faith primarily through education. Our history is rich with examples of caring for those in need. A spirit of hospitality so vital to a sense of welcome and acceptance has always been a hallmark of the Community. Today we no longer find ourselves in the classrooms of old, but that has not stopped us—today we participate in peace marches, minister to the poor at various sites, are ecologically engaged, and care deeply for the future of our earthly home. It is a blessing that the avenues in which our charism can be manifest are so varied. It is inspiring that given our growing limitations, we want to touch the lives of those in need whenever, wherever, and however we can.