



2026 JUBILEE

Celebrating 70 years

Sister Julaine Meyer

STORIES FROM MINISTRY

I cannot remember a time when faith, prayer, grace, church, daily living, work, suffering, play, and humor were not considered normal routine and woven as a tapestry into what, as a child, I perceived to be an ordinary way of life. My mother taught me that faith is a gift freely given by God; that responsibility for appreciating that gift is mine. Both parents demonstrated a way of living that integrated prayer as routinely as eating, sleeping, working and playing. When pain or illness interrupted our lives, we dealt with it. When happier times existed, we celebrated them.

We lived with a pretty grateful attitude either way.

By the time I was to enter seventh grade, my parents were able to move the family to Defiance, Ohio, where we were given the opportunity to attend a Catholic school. Those years provided additional nourishment for my spiritual life. Because the Sisters of St. Agnes were teachers at St. John School, I was connected to a community of women religious who helped me further discern a calling I had known since second grade.

As I approach the completion of 70 years as a Sister of Saint Agnes, I am grateful for my family, church, rural roots and the many people who have become a part of my living. Precious moments include the ability to laugh, knowing that we walk on sacred ground. I am aware that the mystery of every day is new and life-giving, we are all God's people, God is always present, and we are challenged to live with generous and joyful hearts. All is gift!

What a journey!

A BLESSING TO SHARE

My blessing for you is that you will remember, no matter what your call in life. that we are all God's people. We all have dignity and deserve to receive respect and show respect to everyone. May this belief guide you throughout your life.



FIRST PROFESSION

1956

BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN

Antwerp, OH

EDUCATION

Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI

B.S. in Education

Marymount College • Salina, KS

Vatican II Institute (3 years)

Marygrove College • Detroit, MI

M.Ed.

St. Thomas University • St. Paul, MN

Graduate Studies/Administration



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STORIES FROM MINISTRY (CONT).

My first mission was at St. Mary's School in Altoona, PA, a large house with many sisters.

It was a practice in June for the sisters from the area to come to the Altoona house for days of retreat at the end of the school year. Being the youngest in the house, I was placed in charge of hospitality. As I greeted the sisters at the door and gave them their retreat schedule, one of the sisters who had been professed for fifty years thanked me and then told me, "I am going to chapel now to pray for perseverance in my vocation." I was struck by her words, thinking she has been a Sister for this long and still prays for perseverance. To this day, I remember her words and follow her example.

MINISTRY SITES

1956 -
1957

St. Mary School
Altoona, PA

Teacher (Grade 4), Organist

1989 -
1995

St. Patrick School
Janesville, WI

Principal

1957 -
1963

Presentation School
North Fond du Lac, WI

Teacher (Grades 2 & 3), Organist

1995 -
2004

St. John the Baptist School
Jefferson, WI

Principal

1963 -
1967

Brother Dutton School
Beloit, WI

Teacher (Grade 6), Organist

2004 -
2006

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish
Briggsville, WI

Pastoral Leader

1967 -
1969

Holy Trinity School - Kewaskum, WI

*Principal & Teacher (Grade 8),
Organist*

2007 -
2009

Nazareth Court & Center
Fond du Lac, WI

Administrative Coordinator

1969 -
1977

St. Agnes Convent
Fond du Lac, WI

Director of Novitiate Program

2010 -
2020

St. Agnes Convent
Fond du Lac, WI

Volunteer Ministry with ASTOP

1976

St. Charles Borromeo School
Bensenville, IL

Teacher (Grade 8)

2020 -

Nazareth Court & Center
Fond du Lac, WI

Retired

1977 -
1989

St. Patrick School
Hudson, WI

Principal