



2026 JUBILEE

# Celebrating 40 years

## Sister Madeline Gianforte

### STORIES FROM MINISTRY

In 2002, I co-founded CORE El Centro, a natural healing center, with Jayne Ader, one of my colleagues. For 21 years, we had the privilege of walking with women, men, and children as they healed, connected, and reconnected with their divine essence. These transformative moments changed their lives and those of their families. CORE El Centro continues to serve to this day. Our lives as women religious give us the opportunity to serve the most vulnerable. I am so grateful to walk this journey with my CSA sisters as we respond to those whose faith life or human dignity is threatened.

### WORDS OF ADVICE

Today, our world, our communities, and our families are being ripped apart. As we seek to be a healing presence in these difficult times, we must be grounded and rooted in prayer and open to where, when, and how God is calling us to be a compassionate, loving expression of Divine love.

### A BLESSING TO SHARE

I am deeply grateful to be a vowed member of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. Having the opportunity to live out the gospel mission and to share faith, hope, and love in community with my sisters has been profound.

### HOW CSA CHARISM INSPIRES ME

It reminds me each day that I am called by God to be a healing presence in a world marked by division, deep hatred, and unrelenting pain. It is in our simplicity and hospitality that each of us can touch the hearts and souls of others and provide a safe haven for deep healing to occur.



### FIRST PROFESSION

1986

### BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN

Bensenville, ID

### EDUCATION

**St. Charles Borromeo • Bensenville, IL**

*Grade School*

**Driscoll Catholic High • Addison, IL**

*High School*

**Illinois Benedictine College • Lisle, IL**

*B.S. Education*

**John F. Kennedy University • Concord, CA**

*Masters in Holistic Health*

### MINISTRY SITES

1987 -  
1989

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

*Physical Ed. & Theology Teacher*

1990 -  
1996

**Connective Ministries  
Canton, MS**

2000 -  
2023

**CORE/EI Centro • Milwaukee, WI**

*Co-Founder, Executive Director,  
Volunteer*

2022 -

**CSA Motherhouse  
Fond du Lac, WI**

*General Councilor*



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### THOUGHTS ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

All walks of life are expressions of Grace. One's choice of commitment/vocation is a call by God to be a conduit for divine love and to share that love in our world. I believe each of us in our choice of vocation is called to live a life that ignites the fire within; to live passionately the Grace given by God.

Religious life is one expression of God's grace. It is through the vows of celibate chastity, poverty and obedience that women religious give expression to our call to be love and express that love with those we encounter.

It has been a tremendous gift to be a member of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes for the past 40 years. There are no words to capture the immense gratitude and appreciation I have for CSA and the life we have shared in community and in the living out of the Gospel mission. It is clear that we are better together than alone.

