



2026 JUBILEE

Celebrating 60 years

## Sister Sharon Pollnow

### STORIES FROM MINISTRY

**Blessed** is the word that reverberates with every beat of my heart as I celebrate my 60th JUBILEE as a Sister of St. Agnes.

God's call to me to be a woman religious was so powerful and so clear. It was a call I didn't ask for or even initially desire. Having placed myself in the Hands of the Living God, I have not been disappointed—frightened and resistant at times—but what an amazing journey it has been!!!

These many years I have carried in my heart God's words from the prophet Micah, "All I ask of you is to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God." As I have attempted to do this, I have received abundant blessings poured out and overflowing. I have been loved and have loved on this sacred journey.

The gratitude I feel for my family, friends, sisters, associates and partners in ministry—for all who have walked with me, companioned me, ministered with me—is immense and deep.

My ministries of teaching, of administration, of clinical social work, of community leadership, and of spiritual direction have been about the mission of Jesus.

Through the grace of God, I have had the awesome privilege of touching the lives of people, and of being touched and transformed by them.

God has been gracious to me beyond what I could ever have imagined when I vowed my life to God as a Sister of St. Agnes 60 years ago.

I am **Blessed and Grateful**.



### FIRST PROFESSION

1966

### BIRTHPLACE/HOMETOWN

Milwaukee, WI

### EDUCATION

**Mother of Good Counsel Grade School  
Milwaukee, WI**

*Grade School*

**Messmer High School • Milwaukee, WI**

*High School*

**Marian College • Fond du Lac, WI**

*B.S. Education*

**University of Minnesota • Minneapolis &  
Saint Paul, MN**

*M.A. Education*

**University of Michigan • Ann Arbor, MI**

*MSW Social Work – Clinical*

**Lourdes University • Sylvania, OH**

*Spiritual Direction Certification*

*Grief & Trauma Specialist Certification*



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### MINISTRY SITES

1967 -  
1969

**St. Mary's School**  
**Mayville, WI**  
*Teacher (Grade 1)*

1988 -  
1993

**St. John the Baptist School**  
**Toledo, OH**  
*Principal & Parish Staff Member*

1969 -  
1971

**Holy Trinity School**  
**Kewaskum, WI**  
*Teacher (Grade 1)*

2009 -  
2013

**CSA Motherhouse**  
**Fond du Lac, WI**  
*General Council Member*

1971 -  
1978

**St. Nicholas School**  
**Evanston, IL**  
*Primary Grade Teacher*

1995 -  
2021

**Lourdes University**  
**Sylvania, OH**  
*Adjunct Faculty Member*

1975 -  
1978

**Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes • IL**  
*District Coordinator - IL, IN*

1990 -  
2021

**Sophia Center • Sylvania, OH**  
*Clinical Social Worker, Cognitive Therapist,  
Grief & Trauma Specialist*

1978 -  
1983

**St. John the Evangelist School**  
**Defiance, OH**  
*Principal & Parish Staff Member*

1990 -  
2026

*Spiritual Director*

1979 -  
1983

**Toledo Diocesan School**  
**Board Member**  
*Bishops' Advisory Council*

2022 -

**CSA Motherhouse**  
**Fond du Lac, WI**  
*General Superior*

1983 -  
1988

**St. Catherine of Sienna School**  
**Toledo, OH**  
*Principal & Parish Staff Member*