

CSA JUBILARIAN 2019

Name of Jubilarian: Georgeann Roudebush

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Waunakee, WI

Education: Schools/colleges/universities attended and degrees received:

St. John the Baptist Grade School, Waunakee, WI
St. Agnes High School, Fond du Lac, WI
1967 Marian University, Fond du Lac, WI – BS in Ed
1972 University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN – MA in Ed
1982 Loyola of Chicago, Chicago, IL – MA in Pastoral Studies
2003 Clinical Pastoral Education, Madison, WI – Chaplain Certification

Please name the places where you have ministered; if possible, list years. If you were a teacher, please name the parish or school, location, dates, and grade levels taught:

1960-64 St. Mary's Grade School, Crown Point, IN – Grade 6
1964-70 St. Mary Help of Christian, West Allis, WI – Grade 6, 7, 8
1970-73 St. Mary's Springs, Fond du Lac, WI – Religion Department
1973-81 Immaculate Conception Parish, Elmhurst, IL – DRE
1981-87 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison, WI – DRE
1987-2001 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison, WI – Pastoral Assistant
2001-03 Meriter Hospital, Madison, WI – Intern/Resident Chaplain
2003-13 Agrace Hospice and Palliative Care, Madison, WI
2014-present SSM Health at Home Hospice, Madison, WI

Share a story about a time, an event, or an experience in your vowed life that affirms or speaks to your lifelong commitment as a vowed woman religious.

Share what it means to you to be celebrating jubilee in CSA and in the global Church.

Share a poem, a prayer, a reflection that has captured for you, the story of your journey in religious life.

Statement:

I participate in the mission of Christ by joyful service in an interfaith setting. My ministry is to be present with the dying and to support their loved ones. The dying process can threaten the faith life. I desire to respect the dying by maintaining dignity and sacredness within this process. I stand on holy ground when I am in their presence and with their families. Just as there is joy and celebration during the birth of a child, I encourage the loved ones of the dying to open their hands and hearts as their loved ones are entering into new life. Each death is a blessed moment in time and in eternity. It is truly an experience of transformation.

Mother Agnes valued the care of the sick and dying without concern for money, race or faith. I am comfortable to respond to any situation where I am sent. My goal is to be an attentive listener, a loving advocate and a caring and quiet presence. My focus is to be and not necessarily to do. This is a shift that I learned, and I am so grateful for the patients who are my teachers. My ministry is: to live in the present moment, to love the person and to value their story. Mother, St. Teresa of Calcutta, is my mentor and now more than ever since I am involved in the hospice ministry.

My personal ministerial dream is to be free within myself to be and to do as Jesus did. My CSA ministerial dream is to enable my own Sisters to sense the sacredness and to experience peace

and love during one's dying process. My global church ministerial dream is to be a compassionate presence and bless the dying person whom I have come to love, cherish and admire.