

CSA JUBILARIAN 2018

Name of Jubilarian: Mary Martha Karlin

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Severin, Kansas

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

Girls Catholic High School, Hays, KS

St. Agnes School of Nursing, Fond du Lac, WI – diploma

Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI – BA Nursing

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:

1951-57	St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, WI – general nursing
1957-62	St. Anthony Hospital, Hays, KS – general nursing
1962-64	St. Anthony School of Nursing, Hays, KS – Instructor
1964-68	St. Anthony Hospital, Hays, KS – Director of Nursing
1968-70	St. Agnes School of Nursing, Fond du Lac, WI – Instructor
1970-78	Nazareth Heights, Fond du Lac, WI – Director of Nursing
1978-81	St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, WI – Director of Nursing
1981-92	St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria & Hays, KS – Director of Nursing
1992-97	St. Joseph Convent, Hays, KS – Coordinator to Retired Sisters
1997-04	St. Joseph Convent, Hays, KS – Class Coordinator
2004	Moved to Nazareth Court, Fond du Lac, 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.

I never had any other desire than to be anything but a sister. I had an aunt and a great aunt who were members of CSA and then my older sister, Leonissa became a member. I grew up in Hays, Kansas, one of fifteen children, we were a large Catholic family. My parents were hard-working and our church was a major part of our lives. I attended school in a two-room school house. I entered the convent after high school and studied to be a nurse. Nursing gave me so much satisfaction; I was able to help other people and be a presence to them.

Celebrating my 70th Jubilee is a deep blessing. I have enjoyed living in community with other sisters; it has meant the most to me. When I think of young women considering a vocation I want them to know it has been a beautiful life. You have to be willing to give yourself to the Lord and to other people. My whole life has been one of service and it is both gift and blessing.