

2025 Jubilee

SISTER ANNE BOESSEN

First Profession



August 1, 1955

Celebrating 70 years



Sister Anne Boessen was a student at the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, working her way toward her bachelor's degree in natural science when she made her first profession in 1955. In 1957, with this new degree in hand, she launched into her first of many teaching ministries, which took her to New Orleans. Over the course of her years as a math and science teacher, she would go on to work for schools in St. Louis; Belleville, Illinois; Burlington, Iowa and Washington, Missouri. She would also go on to further her own education as well, earning a master's degree in science education from the University of St. Thomas in

St. Paul, Minnesota. Following the Supreme Court's decision on *Roe vs Wade* in 1973, Sister Anne gave lectures in parishes and schools on the sanctity of life. This facilitated her next role, serving as pro-life director for the Diocese of Belleville. Sister Anne trained volunteers to answer calls for the pro-life office hotline, and traveled frequently to continue lectures and lead workshops. In the early 1980s, Belleville Right to Life donated funds to start a pregnancy care center. Sister Anne found the building and again helped train volunteers for the center which encouraged women to choose life, while also providing medical attention and supporting their other basic needs. In 1987, she began a series of pastoral ministry roles, first for Annunciation parish in California, Missouri, followed by St. Thomas in St. Thomas, Missouri and then finally for the Houser Millard Funeral Home in Jefferson City, Missouri. In 2003, she began an 18 year residency in Wardsville, Missouri, where she offered prayer, presence and volunteer service for Osage Senior Center and various other locations in the area. She spent three years in prayer, presence and service at Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri before moving to Anna House in Bridgeton in early 2024. She continues her ministry of prayer and presence there today.

What initially drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame or how did you know you wanted to be a SSND?

My family would bring food (fresh meat, fruits and vegetables) to the sisters. I loved giving them the food. They were always so grateful and treated us with kindness. I knew I wanted to be one of them.

In one word or phrase, describe your experience as a SSND.

Life giving - natural and spiritual

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