

2025 Jubilee

SISTER ANTON MARIE VOISSEM

First Profession



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When considering what initially drew her to the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), **Sister Anton Marie Voissem** recalls, “I was taught by SSND and they were very loving and understanding.” Sister Anton Marie’s many years in educational ministry is a testament to that early influence. From 1948 through 1991, she was a full-time teacher. Her education ministry reached students across grade levels and locations. She started out for one year at St. Alphonsus in Chicago, and then spent the next 20-plus years in schools throughout Wisconsin, in the cities of Madison, Milwaukee,

Chippewa Falls, Brookfield and West Bend. During that time she would also earn her bachelor’s degree in English from Mount Mary College (now University), as well as a master’s degree in education from Marquette University in Milwaukee. In the years between 1972 and 1983, she would hold four different teaching roles for schools in Michigan and Indiana. In 1983, she would return to Chicago, ultimately serving eight years at Chicago’s Presentation Continuing Education Center, where she guided adult students through achieving their General Education Development (GED). After a period of renewal, she began a long-term residence in Milwaukee and an education ministry again focused on adult learners. Over this period of some 18 years, she served at the Milwaukee Achiever Literacy in both full and part-time roles, including tutor, volunteer coordinator and education coordinator. She retired in 2008, but returned to Milwaukee Achiever Literacy once more from 2010-2012 as a volunteer. She then spent six years living and volunteering in an SSND residence in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and another three in prayer and presence at Notre Dam of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. In 2021, she moved to Trinity Woods in Milwaukee, where she enjoys reading and telling stories about her experiences and joins fellow sisters in prayer, presence and volunteer service.

What advice or words of wisdom would you want to impart to others?

Be who you are.

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

I thank God for the graces he has showered on me everyday.

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