

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER BARBARA BITTER

First Profession



July 31, 1965

*Celebrating 60 years*



**Sister Barbara Bitter** recalls, “As a senior, I had many options for my future, but slowly, the idea of becoming a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) became clear, as God gently continued to encourage me until I said my ‘yes.’” That “yes” helped facilitate a ministry in education expressed in multiple ways, including that of teacher, administrator, education consultant, curriculum coordinator and tutor. Born in St. Louis, Sister Barbara attended SSND schools for 12 years and earned her bachelor’s degree from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. With the completion of her studies, she embarked upon her first

ministry, six years teaching at Our Lady of Sorrows in St. Louis. She would hold roles in teaching and administration for the next 19 years for school in St. Louis, St. Charles, Missouri and Effingham and DuQuoin, Illinois. During this time, she would also earn a master’s degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Starting in the early 1990s, she worked as an educational consultant, and then as a resource teacher. From 2004-2006, she was curriculum coordinator for the Immigrant/Refugee Women’s Program in St. Louis, a ministry she marks as one of her most meaningful. “I feel I learned much from them as I listened to their stories of loss and suffering. It showed me women of hope and courage as they struggled for their future in the USA.” In the decade from 2010-2020, Sister Barbara remained in St. Louis as the assistant director for the Notre Dame Learning Center, and as an educational consultant for the South City Catholic Collaborative. She continued to share her time and talents as an educator by volunteering to teach English for Vietnamese students and tutoring at Notre Dame High School. Since winter of 2023, she resides in prayer and presence at Anna House in Bridgeton, Missouri.

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

Blessed.

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

My advice comes from this meaningful quote: “Always end the day with a positive thought. No matter how hard today was, tomorrow is full of possibilities.”

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