

2025 Jubilee

SISTER ELLEEN MARIE BEELMAN

First Profession



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Celebrating 60 years



Upon earning her bachelor's degree from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1967, **Sister Elleen Marie Beelman** joined on as a member of the secretarial staff for that same college as her first ministry. After three years in that role, she would begin a series of education and teaching-focused ministries for schools throughout Missouri and Illinois. From 1970-1984, she served in the communities of Loose Creek, Jackson and St. Louis in Missouri, as well as Highland in Illinois. During this time, she also earned her master's degree in elementary education from University of Missouri, Columbia. 1984 brought her

back to St. Louis and a return to a ministry of secretarial duties, this time for School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), St. Louis Province. She continued in this position for six years before taking the experience and expertise of the role to Italy, joining the secretarial staff of the SSND Generalate in Rome from 1990-1996. Of this time she recalls, "My ministry as secretary to the General Council in Rome for six years was meaningful for many reasons. I had the opportunity and privilege of meeting, living with and working with sisters of other cultures and provinces and visiting some of these provinces. It was during this time that our SSND internationality became a reality for me and I am grateful." Returning to the U.S. and St. Louis in the fall of 1996, she spent some time dedicated to community service, study and personal renewal. In 1997, she would join the staff of the Catholic Education Office in St. Louis, first as a secretary, and then as an administrative assistant. In 2008, she resumed a new role focused on secretarial services for SSND. She was an administrative assistant to the provincial in St. Louis from 2008-2011, and then an executive administrative assistant to the provincial from 2011-2019. With the completion of this ministry, she entered into a new focus of volunteer services, prayer and presence from her St. Louis-based residence.

Is there a special memory you would like to share as you celebrate your Jubilee?

I have too many memories to single one out. Each ministry and community experience has its own memories. I cherish each one as I reflect over these 60 years.

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

Grace-filled

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