

2025 Jubilee

SISTER EMMA BURESH

First Profession



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Celebrating 75 years



Born in Dickinson, North Dakota, **Sister Emma Buresh** recalls, “New Hradec, North Dakota had a grade school with four School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) teachers. They taught and cared for sixty boarders. In their double ministry they treated us with love, kindness and compassion. For me, they were an example of living a holy and happy life. I wanted that kind of life.” Now with more than four decades as both teacher and administrator, Sister Emma has achieved the example set for her by those sisters. Her list of ministries includes teaching at intermediate and junior high schools

throughout Minnesota and North Dakota, starting in 1950 all the way through 1974. Along the way, she earned her bachelor of arts in history from College of St. Catherine (now St. Catherine University) in St. Paul, Minnesota, and later, a master’s degree in education from Creighton University in Omaha. With all of this experience to her credit, in 1974, she was named principal of Sacred Heart in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she served for 10 years. After a sabbatical, she returned to her hometown of Dickinson and spent another 11 years as principal at St. Joseph school. At the conclusion of this ministry, she closed the chapter on her role as a dedicated educator and once again relocated to Minnesota for a series of volunteer and community service ministries. She was a community leader at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato and a volunteer at St. Willibrord parish in Gibbon, Minnesota. Since 2022, she has served in prayer and presence while residing at Benedictine Living Community in Shakopee, Minnesota.

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

Someone asked me once to write a recipe of how I lived my life. The recipe included traits like prayer, love, happiness, peace, caring and hard work carried out with enthusiasm.

Describe your experience as a SSND.

During my boarding days with the SSND I learned to love those with whom I worked and to be open and grateful for God's graces and blessings.

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