

# 2025 Jubilee

## SISTER MARIE ESTHER BECKER

First Profession



August 1, 1955

*Celebrating 70 years*



In 1955, having just made her first profession, **Sister Marie Esther Becker** entered into her first ministry, teaching at the primary grade level for Holy Family school in Freeburg, Missouri. This first assignment took her through an entire decade and set the stage for her many more years as a dedicated educator. Her next ministry brought her to St. Joseph school in Cairo, Illinois, where she continued her work teaching at the primary level for another seven years. During this time, she also earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. From 1972-1976,

she again taught younger students at Our Lady of Loretto in St. Louis, before moving up to junior high instruction at St. Gabriel the Archangel in St. Louis. The summer of 1984 found Sister Marie Esther embarking on a new long-term ministry, serving at St. Peter grade school and parish in Jefferson City, Missouri. While here, she worked at St. Peter school as a fulltime teacher for some 25 years. Her additional assignments for St. Peter included dual roles as a remedial reading teacher, alongside pastoral guidance for the parish from 2009-2012. Of her many years as an educator, she recalls, "people wanting me to teach their children," as a special memory. 2012 brought Sister Marie Esther back to the St. Louis area and a new seven year ministry of prayer, presence and community service at Theresa Center. In 2019, she moved to nearby Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri, where she continued in prayer, presence and service for another four years. Since 2023, she has resided at Anna House in Bridgeton in ongoing prayer and presence.

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

I was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in grade school and high school. I was drawn to them by their love of Jesus and their love of all the children.

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

Honored as being one of God's women.

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