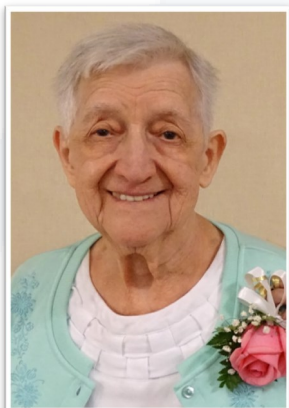


Sister Donita Mathis, SSND - 70 Year Jubilee!

Responding to God's Call...



Sr. Donita Mathis, a native of Chicago, entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in September 1949. She made first profession in July 1952 and final profession July 1958, both at the Milwaukee Motherhouse.

In 1960, she received a BA degree in history and sociology from Mount Mary College (now University), in Milwaukee.

Sr. Donita began her teaching ministry in 1952, at St. Michael School in Milwaukee in the primary grades. She continued to teach in the primary grades through the 1975 school year in Catholic schools, mostly in Chicago.

In 1976 Sr. Donita felt called to move in a new direction. She completed the requirements to become a licensed nurse, LPN. From August of 1976 to August 1977, Sr. Donita ministered at St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, just south of Chicago. The following year she became the Health Care Coordinator at the Academy of Our Lady Convent in Chicago.

The years 1979 to 1981 brought another shift in Sr. Donita's response to God's call. She fulfilled the requirements to receive her license as a registered nurse, RN. Upon completion of those requirements, Sr. Donita returned to the Academy of Our Lady Convent as a registered nurse.

In 1982 while continuing her ministry at the convent, Sr. Donita began to work at Cuneo Hospital in Chicago. This was the beginning of a nursing ministry in a variety of locations in Illinois, including St. Joseph Hospital, Chicago; Villa St. Cyril, Highland Park; and the office of Dr. Browd in Des Plaines.

From 2000 to the Fall of 2013, Sr. Donita ministered part-time as a Nurse Advocate for the residents of Resurrection Life Center in Chicago. From 2013-2015, she continued to work at Resurrection Life Center as a volunteer Nurse Advocate.

She then served in prayer and presence at Marian Village in Homer Glen, IL, from 2015 to 2019. In 2019, Sr. Donita moved to Resurrection Life Center, Chicago to continue her ministry of prayer and presence.