

Sister Emily Wollschlager, SSND – 60 Year Jubilee!



Treading Lightly and Wasting No Time!

My life has been one of peaks and valleys, gifts and challenges. Each day holds an abundance of variety and wonder, from educator in the classroom to principal, to province treasurer, to parish business manager. I also worked with the National Association of Religious Brothers (NARB) and the Office for Religious in the Archdiocese of Chicago before going to Rome as secretary to the General Superior.

I have resided at Marian Village for the last twelve years. This comprises the first 60 years of my religious life.

Being involved in Provincial Assemblies, and the formation of the Atlantic-Midwest Province, captivated my time and attention. At various times I have also worked with our two Chicago-area sponsored ministries: SisterHouse and Corazón a Corazón. There, I organized files, took pictures and produced photo stories. At graduations from SisterHouse, I share the pride of the graduates and the sincere joy of their families, as tears roll down my cheeks.

Other important facets of my journey have included a 30-day retreat at Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, as well as yearly retreats. The Mustard Seed Program and the Japan experience provided a richness of culture and community. Pottery class, including working on the wheel, has captured my attention. When I grow up, I want to be a potter. This truly rings clear to me, and I look forward to the time and space to challenge and pursue my artistic abilities!

In the meantime, life at Marian Village has included:

- ❖ Developing a picture chronicle for Marian Village of all the pictures taken during a specific year (2012-2023). It was the former CEO who asked if I would take pictures and post them. What a gift and challenge!
- ❖ Serving as editor of Facebook for Marian Village 2012 – 2020.
- ❖ Driving Sisters at Marian Village to doctors, etc., helping out in other ways as needed.
- ❖ Handling computer issues with the Sisters as the different needs arise. *(Cont'd)*

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- ❖ Teaching “Big and Loud” – program for Parkinsons.
- ❖ Using Skype teaching English as a second language to a Sister in Slovenia, Sister Terezija (Dec. 2016 – 2021).
- ❖ Doing the finances for SSND at Marian Village last 3-4 years (now vision issues have curtailed my ability for close and accurate work)

The Potter is very real and tangible for me. The tactile inner response to a touch so slight is the “Yes” of my every day. I have come to a place at not a pinnacle of heights, nor a grandiose show of accomplishment, or a lime-light of giving, but to a presence and life that is true to who I am.



I am the oldest child of Joseph and Emily Wollschlager. I am sister to Joeseph, Marcia, Glenn, Barbara, and Janet. I am an aunt to Rita, Renae, Rhonda, Craig, Matthew, Mark, Jessica, Steven, Suzanne, and David. I am a great-aunt etc., and life goes on.

I am a School Sister of Notre Dame who is proud of my Chicago heritage and service and who remains willing to function in capacities of need. What more can one ask?

What inspires wisdom and the voice beyond the words?

Who dances with me in the unfolding revelations of another tomorrow?

Who molds and soothes the heart and soul of longing? Yes, the Potter.....

When I grow up, I want to be a potter

to mold... ..

to be instrumental... ..

to have a voice... .. in a destiny and in a future.