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St. Anthony Parish

# VOICE



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## St. Anthony Boasts a Rich "Sis"tory

Religious sisters have played an essential part of the life of our parish since its beginning in 1872. Known then as St. Malachi, then St. Aidan, then St. Ambrose, the church was renamed St. Anthony in 1898. The sisters have been a constant physical presence of the Spirit among us throughout the parish's long history. This issue of The Voice gives tribute to the sisters who are part of our legacy.

We thank everyone who took time to contribute to the wonderful memories we have compiled in the pages that follow. A special thank you also goes to Marlys Dunphy, whose book, *The Story of St. Anthony's*, was invaluable in preparing this issue.



Sr. Stella Marie (Lidwina) Swakoski and Sr. M. Gertrude Ann Sullivan prepared to ring the bell at 8th grade picnic (Crystal Lake near DeWitt, IA, 1962).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

STA Book Club book: *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter*

### APRIL.....

- 3** STA Book Club, 10:00 a.m.
- 4** Stations of the Cross, 5:15 p.m.
- 6** Take Away Hunger Food Packaging, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., O'Malley Hall
- 10** STA Book Club, 10:00 a.m.
- 11** Stations of the Cross, 5:15 p.m.

- 17** Holy Thursday Potluck, 5:30 p.m. in O'Malley
- 24** STA Book Club, 10:00 a.m.
- 26-27** First Communions, all masses
- 27** St. Anthony Talent Show, 6:30 p.m., O'Malley Hall
- 29** Confirmation Mass, 6:00 p.m., all invited

### MAY .....

- 3-4** First Communions, all masses
- 18** Community Sunday, O'Malley Hall, after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses

### JUNE .....

- 13** St. Anthony Feast Day, 7:45 a.m. Mass followed by refreshments
- 15** Community Sunday, O'Malley Hall, after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses

Questions? Check the bulletin or website for more information, or call the Faith Formation Office.



## Sr. Margaret Anne

Sr. Margaret Anne Kramer, PBVM, has served as our pastoral associate at St. Anthony since August 2000. Always ready for conversation with her warm smile and sense of humor, one might be surprised to learn of her many responsibilities. In addition to her welcoming presence at parish events, Sr. Margaret Anne maintains close ties with the infirmed and elderly members of our parish, coordinates the ministry of Holy Communion to the homebound, and visits hospital patients. Supporting those grieving in our parish, she meets with families to prepare vigil services and funeral liturgies, leads services, and is present at the burials of these loved ones. For those seeking annulments, Sr. Margaret Anne provides support and assistance. We invite you to get to know Sr. Margaret, up-close and personal, as she answers questions posed to her about her life before and during her time at St. Anthony:

**It hardly seems possible that you've been at St. Anthony for 25 years! What did you do in the years before you came here?**

Before coming to St. Anthony, I taught school at St. Columbkille, St. Germain in Chicago, and St. Odilia, in St. Paul. I was pastoral associate at the Dubuque Cathedral and at St. Patrick in Waukon. I enjoyed my time at the different places—I especially enjoy St. A's for being so welcoming and accepting. I find our mission statement to be true, as St. Anthony's is a great place to gather, grow, and serve together.

**Will you tell us about your growing-up years? Your family, where you lived and went to school? Favorite memories?**

I grew up in Farley, the fourth of six. My dad died when we were all in school, so that was a very difficult time for us. We were members of St. Joseph Parish and attended St. Joseph grade and high school. During my school days our associate priest was Father Robert Kalb—now I am working with his nephew, Robert (Bob) Kalb. During high school I worked at the drug

store and in the summers, I had a job as a carhop for the local drive-in.

**Your religious community is the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Can you tell us a bit about the Presentation Sisters and your call to serve among them? Did you always want to be a sister, or was it a gradual revelation to you? Did you pursue any other career or vocation before your discernment to become a sister?**

The Presentations are celebrating 150 years in Dubuque this year. In our early years we taught in several of the schools. Later, several served as directors of religious education in parishes and later as pastoral ministers. After I graduated from high school, I attended Dubuque Beauty Academy. After a few months I knew that was not for me, so I entered the Presentation Community in 1962. You might call me a beauty school drop out! The years of Vatican II, 1962-1965, brought a lot of changes to our church. I remember that before Vatican II, sisters took names other than their birth names.

**Were you ever known by a name other than Sr. Margaret Anne?**

My given name was Elaine. When I was received into the community we were encouraged to take a different name. My mother's name was Margaret, but since the community already had a Margaret, I chose Margaret Anne.

**Sr. Barbara Rastatter, PBVM, served in your position before you came to us. Can you share a fond memory or story about her?**

Barb and I were very good friends, so it was a privilege for me to follow her at St. Anthony. Barb was about four feet tall, and I am 5'10", so she thought they would get us mixed up!

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**We know you as someone with a ready smile and a great sense of humor. Can you think of an LOL (laughing out loud) experience in your time with us, or something in particular that makes you happy to be here?**

I can't think of an LOL time, but I very much enjoy my work. I find much joy and happiness as I minister here.

**At the same time, you are deeply compassionate and share that gift with us. What are some times that call you to great compassion?**

Over the last 24 years we have had about 900 funerals. When I visit with each family it is a privilege getting to know them and their deceased loved ones as they share stories and memories. As Kahlil Gibran says: "Every memory is a meeting." So, every time we think of our loved ones, we are meeting them.

**Do you have a favorite scripture passage?**

I have many favorite scripture passages, and this is one that means a great deal to me. When I visit with families who have lost loved ones I often quote, "Eye has not seen nor ear heard what I have prepared for those who love me." It has become one of my favorites as the meaning deepens with me when I minister to many families who have lost loved ones.

## Former St. Anthony Teachers Reminisce

At a recent lunch gathering, former St. Anthony teachers shared memories about some of the sisters with whom they taught. Some anecdotes:

**Sr. Rose Andre Koehler, principal 1979-91**

Sr. Rose had so much faith in us. She said she didn't need to schedule formal teacher observations; she could tell by walking through the halls if teachers were doing their jobs well and students were learning. It was so thoughtful that she did "lunch duty" every day so that we teachers had some time to ourselves for lunch.

**Sr. Joan Opatts, 1981-92**

She was so devoted to helping children learn to read. She also made "Grandpa Neises" feel valued by having

**What are some of the big changes that have taken place in our parish in your 25 years here? If you could predict, what will our parish be like 25 years from now?**

During my first years at St. Anthony, Fr. Dan Knepper was the pastor. In 2000 we still had the school on the grounds, and it was a big and important part of the parish. I am not sure what the parish will look like in 25 years, but I hope to be praying for all of you as I enjoy eternal life.

**You bring so many wonderful qualities to our parish. Are there any ways in which the members of our parish gift you?**

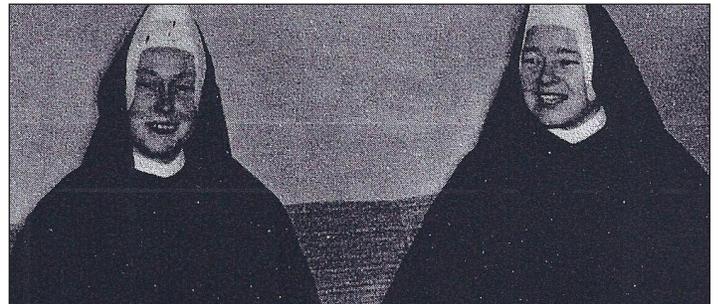
From my early days here I have felt very welcomed, as the parishioners are very friendly and accepting. As I am growing older, I quote one of my friends, "It is a privilege to grow old with great spiritual friends."

**Is there anything else you'd like our Voice readers to know about you?**

NO, NO! They know tooooooo much already. Something I don't like to do is talk about myself. But I would like to end with this: Right now, my heart is filled with gratitude for the blessing you continue to be in my life. Let us remember that "Eye has not seen nor ear heard what God has prepared for us."



Ron Klosterman and Tom Noonan take Sr. M. Gertrude Ann Sullivan for a ride at 8th grade picnic



Sr. M. Thomas Ann Kane, BVM and Sr. Stella Marie (Lidwina) Swakoski, BVM in the new convent (1962)

# Sisters of St. Anthony's School

## PRESENTATION SISTERS

Sr. M Agnes Burke	1876-1899
Sr. M Patricia Reide	1876-1899
Sr. M Josephine Howley	1876-1899
Sr. M Francis Assisi	1876-1899
Sr. M Teresa Downey	1876-1899
Sr. M Baptista Hussey	1876-1899
Sr. M Ursula Meagher	1876-1899
Sr. M Alacoque Murray	1876-1899

## SISTERS OF THE HOLY GHOST

Sr. M Agatha Kearns	1899-1917
Sr. M Agnes Hagerty	1899-1917
Sr. M Angela aCassidy	1899-1917
Sr. M Ann Whelan	1899-1917
Sr. M Bertille Fitzpatrick	1899-1917
Sr. M Bona Kelly	1899-1917
Sr. M Catherine	1899-1917
Sr. M Elizabeth O'Brien	1899-1917
Sr. M Fara Keenan	1899-1917
Sr. M Goodla	1899-1917
Sr. M Grace Kelly	1899-1917
Sr. M Isabel Melvin	1899-1917
Sr. M Justina Kernan	1899-1917
Sr. M Leocadia	1899-1917
Sr. M L Carroll	1899-1917
Sr. M Lucy Canvery	1899-1917
Sr. M Macrina O'Halloran	1899-1917
Sr. M Martha Hoffrechster	1899-1917
Sr. M Mildred	1899-1917
Sr. M Monica Coffee	1899-1917
Sr. M Maura Cotter	1899-1917
Sr. M Modwena Kelly	1899-1917
Sr. M Paula	1899-1917
Sr. M Peteronella Correllion	1899-1917
Sr. M Rosalie O'Connor	1899-1917
Sr. M Rosa Lorigan	1899-1917
Sr. M Rosa Murphy	1899-1917
Sr. M Teresa Hayes	1899-1917
Sr. M Theresa Kennedy	1899-1917
Sr. M Ursula Coffee	1899-1917

## BVM SISTERS

Sr. M St. Thecla Mahoney	1917-18
Sr. M Wilfreda Linot	1918-19
Sr. M Lucas Parker	1918-19
Sr. M Domitilla Guilfoyle	1918-22
Sr. M Clara Louise Reuter	1919-20
Sr. M Alcantara Vogt	1920-24
Sr. M Norinne Slattery	1920-26
Sr. M Margrete Kennedy	1921-24, 31-33
Sr. M Rosalind Erixon	1924-27
Sr. M Annetta Cassidy	1928-38
Sr. M Lidwine Doyle	1928-32
Sr. M Carlina Schiffler	1929-32
Sr. M Danielina Dukin	1934
Sr. M Ancile Carton	1934-35

Sr. M Trinette Purcell	1935-36
Sr. M Katherine Patrice Kearney	1935-41
Sr. M Therese Corneille Sullivan	1936-40
Sr. M Luella Diedrich	1936-42
Sr. M St. Rose Burke	1938-39
Sr. M Corneille Dullard	1940-42
Sr. M Sebastienne Canavan	1940-49
Sr. M Edmunda Ryan	1941-42
Sr. M Evarita Graham	1942-45
Sr. M St. Edgar McNulty	1942-53
Sr. M Vincentia Kaiferstein	1942-56
Sr. M Robertelle Franklin	1945-50
Sr. M Estelle Cotter	1945-53
Sr. M Barbara Cerny	1947
Sr. M Jane Louise McGuire	1947-56
Sr. M Charlesine Martin	1948
Sr. M Corina Canfield	1948, 64-65
Sr. M Thomas Ann Kane	1948, 62-72
Sr. M George Ann Hanrahan	1948-49
Sr. M Barbara Jean vonHoldt	1948-49
Sr. M Florita Bush	1949-51
Sr. M Jean Michael Regan	1949-52
Sr. M Patricia DaCosta	1950
Sr. M Karen Pollard	1951-52
Sr. M St. Denis Stanton	1951-54
Sr. M Julius Peper	1951-64
Sr. M Dorothy Gaffney	1952-56
Sr. M Vivina Bly	1952-59
Sr. M Eugene McElmeel	1953-54
Sr. M St. Winifred Ready	1953-57
Sr. M Veronique Hennegan	1953-57
Sr. M Innocence Carey	1954-62
Sr. M Shamus Browne	1955-59
Sr. M Marcellita Brown	1955-61, 82-97
Sr. M John Stephen Hart	1955-62
Sr. M Liam Gallagher	1956-57
Sr. M Coronata Keane	1956-64
Sr. M Gertrude Ann Sullivan	1956-65
Sr. M Carolyn Cecile Parker	1957
Sr. M Renata Hogan	1957-67, 89-96
Sr. M Jeremy Mackin	1957-59
Sr. M Carla Black	1959-61
Sr. M Rita Eileen Gibbons	1959-64
Sr. M Rayleen Tracy	1959-64
Sr. M Lidwina Swakoski	1961-68
Sr. M Therese Ann LaBelle	1962-65
Sr. M Hubertine Beste	1962-66
Sr. Gertrude Mary Walsh	1962-67
Sr. M Ann Corita King	1963
Sr. M Rafaela Langridge	1963
Sr. M Joseph Loras Kenneally	1963
Sr. M Noelle Roseland	1963-68
Sr. M Anita Therese Hayes	1964-65
Sr. M Cornelle Coveney	1964-65
Sr. Louis Marie Fideler	1964-70
Sr. M John Helene Joy	1965-67
Sr. M Marguerite Mills	1965-70

Sr. M Joselita Gerber	1965-72
Sr. M Carmencita Fradinardo	1965-74
Sr. M Vincita Groff	1965-77
Sr. M Virginelle Leidinger	1966
Sr. M Sulpice Look	1966-72
Sr. M Allison Purtell	1967-68
Sr. M St. Camillus White	1967-69
Sr. M St. Martin Duttlinger	1967-77
Sr. M St. Liam Rigney	1968
Sr. M Bernadita Finnegan	1968-70
Sr. M Verita Riordan	1968-71
Sr. M Janette Haslwanter	1968-72
Sr. Julia Mary Zeller	1969-71
Sr. M Leana Kohnen	1969-75
Sr. M St. Philomena Rosselli	1970-71
Sr. M Christellen Richter	1970-71
Sr. M Michael Edward Healey	1970-72
Sr. M Jean Emile Cofone	1971-79
Sr. M Ann Rita Waldschmidt	1972-73
Sr. M Madeleva Weisbrook	1972-74
Sr. M Francis William Millay	1972-74
Sr. M Melitta Fitzgibbons	1972-76
Sr. M Davidis Devine	1972-77
Sr. Robert Mary Mullin	1973-74
Sr. M Ann Elizabeth Phelps	1974-77
Sr. M Adorine LaStant	1974-78
Sr. M Casia Galhouse	1975-82
Sr. M Janine Wolff	1977-80
Sr. M Geraldita Ennis	1977-98
Sr. M Paul Adele Reis	1977-78
Sr. M Donald Collins	1977-81
Sr. M Martin Jerome Caluori	1978-79
Sr. M Ann Carmelle Frello	1978-79
Sr. M John Kathleen Cramer	1978-79
Sr. M Frances Ellen Gourlay	1978-81
Sr. M Catherine Jean Hayen	1979-87
Sr. M Rose Andre Koehler	1979-91
Sr. Eugene Mary Callahan	1980
Sr. M Jeanette Meyer	1980-83
Sr. M Ann Pauline Brassier	1981-82
Sr. M Edwin Cashman	1981-82
Sr. Susan Marie Alconcher	1981-83
Sr. M John Annette Opatts	1981-92
Sr. M Maureen Patrice Fury	1983-92
Sr. M Sarah Braig	1984-86
Sr. M St. Richard Curoe	1987-90
Sr. M Kathleen Sinclair	1991-92
Sr. Anne Marie McKenna	1992-93
Sr. M Clare Ann Emerson	1992-93
Sr. M Jean Evelyn Menster	1993-96
Sr. M Mathildis DeLong	1994-97
Sr. M Jean Margaret Black	1995-96

## FRANCISCAN SISTER

Sr. Marie Cigrand	1998-2000
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# Parishioners Remember Our Sisters

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*Sr. M. St. Winifred Ready teaches reading (circa 1955). Students clockwise from Sister: Lenny Young, Mary Shuhert, Jerry McAleece, Linda Whitfield, Roger Herting, Tom Kluck, Sandy Schroeder, Tom Noonan*

In the fall of 1954, I was a first grader at St. Anthony's grade school. There were 55 of us in ONE classroom and ONE very patient and loving teacher. Sister Mary Vivina was probably eligible for sainthood after the year was over. One of the highlights many of my classmates remember was Sister taking the entire class on a "field trip" to our farm about two miles west of St. Anthony. Ironically, none of my classmates remember how we got there, but will never forget the experience.

My memories of the BVM sisters are very positive. I was fortunate to have a BVM sister in seven of my eight years at St. A's. We were taught to be respectful and to be good citizens. It seemed like their mission was to teach us to use perfect grammar, spelling, and writing skills. We went to the chalkboard to diagram sentences and work on arithmetic skills. The sisters also wanted us to be aware of current events, civics, and geography. I wouldn't say our teachers were overly strict, but very firm. Punishments were never physical, but rather a stern lecture and maybe writing "I must practice self-control" 100 times.

The sisters respected our desire to be in competitive sports starting in sixth grade. Being on a St. Anthony sports team for some of us boys became our identity of who we represented when we competed against the nine other Catholic grade schools in Dubuque. There were usually sisters rooting for us on the sideline.

I was in fifth grade when all the sisters came to school very sad and devastated upon hearing news of a deadly fire at Our Lady of the Angels school in Chicago. Many of the BVM sisters who taught at that school were close friends and classmates of our sisters

at St. Anthony. Sister Marcellita was principal as well as teacher for most of my years at St. Anthony, a very compassionate and loving leader. When I was in eighth grade, a new teacher/principal, Sister Lidwina, came full of new ideas and energy. Sister challenged us to do things we could never imagine doing, such as memorizing speeches to recite before a group of adults and holding candles while performing a Living Rosary in the unlit church. The church was packed! After retirement, Sister Lidwina returned to the Mother House. Many of her former students befriended her again, sharing memories until her death in 2014.

**Submitted by Lenny Young**

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When I'm asked to write memories about my years at St. Anthony's and with the BVM sisters, it's difficult because there are so many special memories. If I didn't already appreciate the BVM sisters before researching history for my book, I certainly do now.

From the very early grades, in addition to providing education, the sisters instilled Christian values. On the top of every paper, we wrote "J.M.J." to ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to help us with our work. They taught us respect, such as stepping aside on the steps to let a sister pass or helping another student carry heavy books. Even something that today sounds silly like "pagan babies" taught us to be charitable and caring of those who are less fortunate. In first grade, Sr. Vivina amazingly not only planned time to visit Lenny Young's family farm, but she also arranged with my father, who was a fireman, to visit No. 4 Fire Station. We actually walked in two long lines all the way to University and North Grandview. She even arranged to have our class picture taken, all 55 of us. No one knows how she arranged this.

The BVM sisters were extraordinary teachers—a gift we have appreciated more in the years after our schooling. Many of us who have gone on to be teachers are in awe of their talents. In the 1950s they created a "lab school" at St. Anthony's. Supported by their BVM mentors at Clarke College (now University), they introduced innovations such as the "new math  $x + a = b$ " into our arithmetic curriculum, and in later grades students could take advanced classes in reading, English, and math.

I especially remember that the sisters set high expectations for all students, whether it was handwriting, spelling, writing assignments, or presentations. We accepted that responsibility and

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followed through with it. They continually challenged us and encouraged us to always try to do our best. They were role models we have taken with us in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

**Submitted by Marlys Dunphy**

**FUN FACT:** Dunphy is the author of the book, *The Story of St. Anthony's: Dubuque's First Catholic School on the Hill*, 2012. A limited number of copies are available for purchase. If interested, contact Marlys at marlyskd@mchsi.com

Sr. Marcellita was a retired BVM sister who worked in the office of the Stemm Building half days. The office was located between Mrs. Cosgrove's and Mr. Bildstein's classrooms and she was a delight to have with us. She would do all kinds of odd jobs like answer the phone, sort papers, staple papers, and packets, cut lamination of classroom materials, and other tasks to assist teachers and students. Marcie always had a smile and possessed a great sense of humor which she readily shared with all. She was always interested in what was happening in the lives of the teachers and students. We were blessed to have her in our building and will always remember dear, sweet Marcie.

**Submitted by Bob Bildstein**

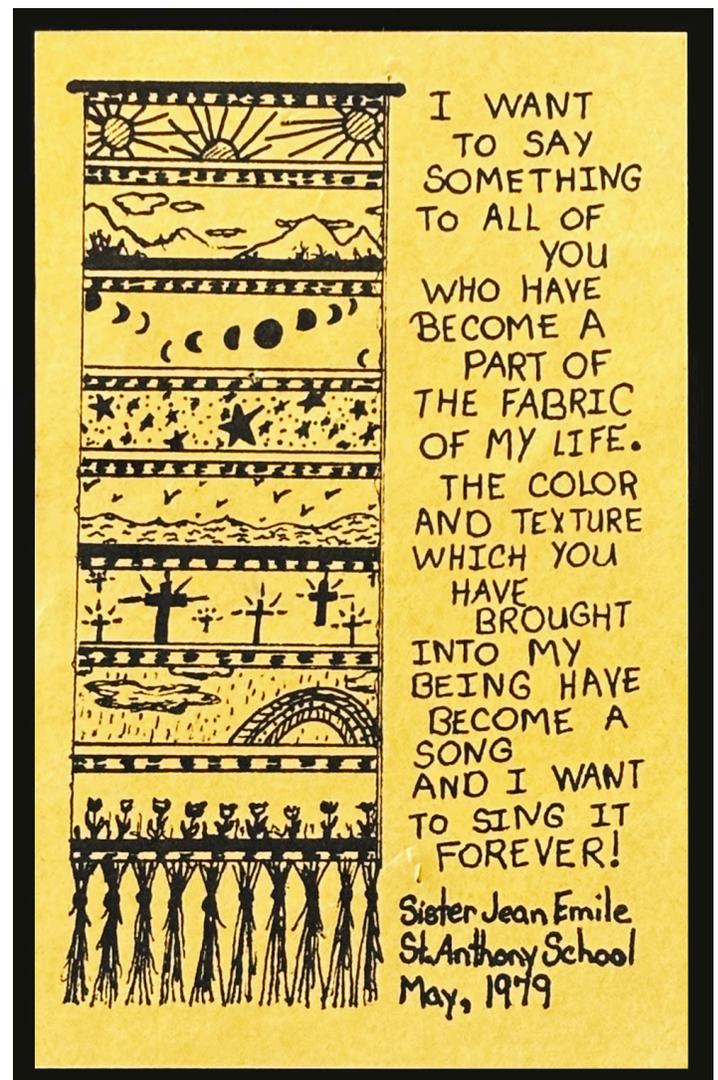
My first teaching assignment was at St. Anthony's, 4th grade, partnered with Jane Stanton and Sr. June. There were several interesting events that took place during those first few years! The most memorable was the 1981-1982 school year. That year many teachers were pregnant: along with me were Ruth Wilson, Bonnie Brook, Jackie Werner, Connie Cosgrove, and Bob Bildstein's wife, Corlas. Often you would hear Sr. June warning people not to touch the stair railings or you could get pregnant! During those first few years of teaching, I relied on Mrs. Stanton to keep me on track and Sr. June to keep me laughing!

**Submitted by Nancy Spalla**

I first met Sister Jean Emile as a junior at Clarke College. She was a beloved instructor in the Education Department. During my senior year, I was lucky enough to be invited by her to come to St. Anthony School where she was to be the new principal. Needless to say, I was overwhelmingly delighted and blessed to have her as a mentor. She loved her job and her teachers and students. It was rare to see her without a smile on her face. She was innovative and supportive and inspired us to be our best. She was not afraid to take on new challenges and encouraged her staff to think outside the box. I remember 1976 especially,

when the entire school took on project-based learning activities to commemorate what life was like when we were a new country.

Students from Grades 1-8 registered for classes and then one afternoon a week we would meet and explore life long ago. It was a bit joyous. I personally taught cooking in the rectory kitchen. Sr. Jean Emile not only loved her staff, but also our families as well. She never turned down a dinner invitation, a brain-storming session, or a party with staff. She was the first to get her yarn out when a new baby was expected by one of the staff families. She was gentle and fun, yet she had high standards for teachers and students as well. When it came time for the next chapter in her life, she left each of us with a bit of original artwork and the following inspirational words:



We were all a little better for the color and texture she gave to each of us.

**Submitted by Mary Pat Ament**

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Occasionally while in a store, I meet former students, parents, or teachers from St. Anthony School in Dubuque. Immediately very positive memories pop up as we joyfully greet each other. As a former teacher of a much smaller school in St. Louis, I transferred to a much larger school in Dubuque which

required some adjustments! I was a second grade teacher, and delighted especially in preparing the children for first sacraments. After five years, a need arose for a third-grade teacher, and more adjustment occurred as I joined cooperative, professional, generous, and friendly staff at that level. There were resolute expectations of the children, but school days were filled with delightful experiences thanks to vibrant and creative teachers. As a faculty we supported each other professionally and personally. Parents were open, cooperative, and appreciative of our work with the children.

**Submitted by Sr. Maureen Fury, BVM**

**FUN FACT:** Sr. Maureen taught at St. Anthony school from 1983 to 1992



“Ring, ring” chimed the bell to wake us up from our sleeping bags, lying on the crowded gym floor during the Women’s Emmaus Weekend. Then—the bell went silent for hours. Cindy, one of the team members, came to me repeatedly during the day and begged, “Come on Sister Nancy, where did you hide the

bell? Please give it back, we need it!” I responded each time, “Sorry, but I didn’t take it and don’t know where it is.” Needless to say, she didn’t believe the “nun” until the last day when it showed up again via another trickster! (I did not know who had it). It was fun teasing, which highlighted the great bond that was created at Emmaus weekends.

Another memory that remains today is of the commitment of the Haiti Committee and larger St. Anthony community with the sister parish in Port de Paix. The commitment to have personal relationships, do trips to Haiti, and the ongoing financial support for the people of Haiti, remains a witness to me of St. Anthony’s parishioners’ faith and fidelity to the Gospel to care for our vulnerable sisters and brothers.

**Submitted by Sr. Nancy Miller**

**FUN FACT:** Sr. Nancy Miller served as the Adult Faith Formation person for five years. She currently serves as the Social Justice Promoter for the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs) and the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque



During the 90s, I had the opportunity and privilege of ministering with the St. Anthony’s faith community, primarily in adult faith formation. With members of the faith community, I worked with RCIA, the Spiritual Life Committee, the Isaiah Missions, and with Ministry of the Word on the preaching

schedule with the priests and deacons. As the relationship between St. Anthony’s and St. Montfort’s in Haiti was deepening, I traveled with different teams over many years to celebrate St. Montfort’s patronal feast day. These were years of significant blessings for me, as I ministered with so many faith-filled members of the parish and the parish team. I dearly treasure the years and relationships, and keep St. Anthony’s and St. Montfort’s in my daily prayer ministry now.

**Submitted by Sr. Anne Sedgwick, OSF**

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