



S. Marie Fujan OSB

S. Marie Fujan hails from Walnut Grove, MN, having grown up in a farming community where friends are steadfast with their love and support. Since her older brothers attended St. John's University in Collegeville, this was how she was introduced to the Benedictines learning they were "official pray-ers" for the Church. She liked that. Benedictine sisters taught summer school in Walnut Grove, these being the first Benedictine sisters she met. The summer of graduation led her and a friend to visit St. Paul's Priory at 301 Summit Avenue and the rest is history.

Community prayer has been a sustaining support throughout the years along with early encouragement from her parents, friends and classmates. During her monastic sojourn, S. Marie has worked with high school girls, college seminarians and university students as well as being on parish staffs, a visitor at a Hospice House and serving as Prioress from 1996-2004.

Future plans entail coordinating pastoral care at a senior residence in Brooklyn Park. Retirement looks more appealing if it can be combined with traveling and visiting. After her stint as Prioress, Sister drove to the West coast visiting monasteries, friends and relatives, a highlight after eight years of leadership.

Presently, S. Marie works as campus minister at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN, also working in ministry to the elderly, sick and homebound with some time spent at St. Therese at Oxbow Lake. Sister is a joyful, light-hearted monastic so the many who benefit from her varied ministries are indeed fortunate. Cheers and jubilations to a light hearted spirit in our midst!