



S. Mary Lou Dummer OSB

S. Mary Lou Dummer, from Bird Island, MN, entered St. Paul's Priory in 1956 at 301 Summit Avenue eventually receiving a B.A. in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Catherine. In 1978, she became a Religious Education coordinator, then Sub-prioress after which she entered the School of Theology at St. John's, Collegeville. She has been liturgy director at the monastery, St. Bridget's in Minneapolis and presently at St. Thomas the Apostle in St. Paul. Sister also coordinates the volunteer program at the monastery, has worn many "veils" attending Federation meetings, serving as a representative on the one Archbishop's Pastoral Advisory Council and Council of Religious.

Sister Mary Lou has traveled with family and friends these last 50 years never imagining her life in community would be filled with such challenges and experiences. She was attracted to the Benedictines for their love of liturgy and small community living. After being asked to be principal of St. Philip's school in Litchfield, S. Mary Lou had wonderful opportunities for professional enrichments, travel, workshops, conferences. "Fidelity to the Liturgy of the Hours, the Eucharist and Lectio Divina have fed my search for God and sustained me bountifully these 50 years." She looks forward in the future to carry out the community's mission to the elderly, women and children.