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**Sister Roselle Zollar**  
**Educator; parish minister; musician**

**Mankato, Minnesota** – Sister Roselle Zollar, SSND, 88, died on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in Notre Dame Health Care, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota. In her SSND ministry, she served as an elementary and secondary school teacher and a parish minister, with church music a constant assignment wherever she was stationed.

She was born May 1, 1931 in Bismarck, North Dakota. At her baptism, she was given the name Mary Ann. Following graduation from St. Joseph High School in 1949, Mary Ann entered the SSND candidature in Mankato. As a second year candidate, she taught in Winona, Minnesota, for a few months until a need for an organist developed at All Saints, Madison Lake, Minnesota, where she finished the year. She was received into the novitiate in 1951 and given the name Sister Mary Roselle.



Following profession of vows in 1952, Sister Roselle began her teaching and parish music ministry at St. Mary, Bellechester, Minnesota. Subsequent teaching assignments in Minnesota schools: St. Nicholas, New Market; St. Adalbert, Silver Lake; Crucifixion, La Crescent; St. John the Baptist, Savage; St. Felix, Wabasha; West End Parochial, Duluth, and Cathedral High School, St. Cloud. In Iowa, she taught at St. Donatus School, St. Donatus. In South Dakota, she taught at her home parish of St. Joseph, Grenville and at Sacred Heart, Eden. In North Dakota, she taught at St. Benedict, Strasburg; and St. Anne, Bismarck; and in Washington at St. Mary, Chewelah. She earned both bachelors and master's degrees in biology, from Mount Mary College (now University) and the University of Wisconsin, Superior, respectively. She also earned a master's degree in religious studies from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. Sister Roselle received the Bishop's Medal for Service in 2002 when she celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

Her Funeral Liturgy was held November 19, in Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel. She is survived by sisters, Sister Luella, SSND, Helen Schmitt and Joyce Bischof; her brother, Jerry; nieces and nephews; and her sisters in community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and SSND associates. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Annie (Eshanko) Zollar, her sister Florence Johnson, and her brothers Lawrence and Dan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 East Ripa Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63125, or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.