

## **Susan Rudolph, OSB**

### **Prioress from 2017–Present**



Sister Susan (Johanna) Rudolph was born in Sauk Rapids, Minn., one of 13 children born to Stephen and Gertrude Rudolph. She graduated from Cathedral High School in St. Cloud, Minn., and the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn., with a degree in elementary education. She entered Saint Benedict's Monastery on September 8, 1961, and made her final monastic profession on July 11, 1967. She holds advanced degrees in theology, education and gerontology, as well as being a board-certified chaplain.

Sister Susan's ministry as a Benedictine sister began with teaching elementary and junior high school students at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids, St. Boniface in Cold Spring, Minn., and St. Augustine's in St. Cloud. For a number of years after teaching in diocesan schools, she served the monastic community as director of initial formation, teaching and guiding women discerning their vocation to Benedictine life. Subsequently, she served as a staff resident and housing director at the College of Saint Benedict for 14 years. Many alumnae of the College of Saint Benedict know Sister Susan's service to them in these roles that involved many responsibilities beyond room selection. Most recently, Sister Susan served as director of pastoral care for 21 years at Saint Benedict's Senior Community in St. Cloud. There, she left the legacy of her philosophy and programs of care to serve the needs and hopes of elderly people.

Sister Susan's varied experiences of caring for people with insight, wisdom and compassion have prepared her to serve as prioress with competence and hope for the future. She was installed as the 17<sup>th</sup> prioress of Saint Benedict's Monastery on June 4, 2017.