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JUBILEE WISDOM

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60 Years

Sister Helen ministered as an educator for more than 35 years, teaching students at elementary, junior high and secondary levels. Her assignments in Wisconsin were at St. Elizabeth, Milwaukee; St. Mary, Elm Grove; McDonnell High School, Chippewa Falls; Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Sun Prairie; and St. James, Mequon where she also served as principal. Outside of Wisconsin, she taught at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Academy of Our Lady High School in Chicago; and Holy Rosary Mission School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. After leaving classroom ministry, she was asked to be associate administrator at Notre Dame of Elm Grove from 1987-1993. She served in pastoral ministry at St. Helen Parish in Milwaukee from 1994-1997 and then was appointed pastoral associate from 1997-2001. Her last full-time ministry was with the Apostleship of Prayer from 2002-2006. Sister Helen volunteered at Holy Wisdom Academy from 2006-2010. She earned a bachelor's in mathematics and Latin from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee and a master's in administration from the University of Wisconsin. In her retirement, Sister Helen continues to be active through her volunteer service, prayer and presence.

Blessings:

In hind sight I have seen that the hand of God was in all the events of my life. At the time I often thought God as not present. God has graced me with the support and love of many people and together we have walked the path to God. I thank God for all these wonderful people.

Wisdom:

In giving God human attributes, I imagine God often shaking his head when I seem to have caused him to “rearrange” his plan. Looking back, I put in road blocks and detours and the map was rearranged. God used my “blunders” to shape and form my life and still bring about his good. IT HAS BEEN GOOD! NOT ALWAYS EASY!!

Meaningful events include:

After teaching/administration in schools I was called to pastoral ministry. Many people entered my life and showed me by example how to grow old gracefully. A good number are still part of my life through a social group (55 and over) and a prayer group. I had the blessing to be called to teach at the Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. With the Jesuit community and sisters from several communities, I tried to walk the Native American way of life and to know the Great Spirit. Nature and the “ancestors” (saints) became more important to me. I also had the opportunity to join a group in prayer in a sweat lodge.