

# 2016 Jubilee



First Profession  
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## Joyelle Proot, SSND

50 Years

*Sister Joyelle served as a high school educator for 10 years following her first profession of vows in 1966. She then served in research at Maria Center in St. Louis, and she continued there as a co-director for an additional 13 years. She then worked as an administrator for early childhood education in St. Louis. Sister Joyelle served at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in St. Louis for 14 years. In 2006, she joined the Futuring SSND Charism Team for the School Sisters of Notre Dame's former St. Louis Province, and continued in this role for the Central Pacific Province. She currently serves as a designer and artist for the Design for Spirituality and Charism ministry for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis. She earned a bachelor's in art from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.*

### Experience I would like to share...

As I reflect on the years now golden, being a School Sister of Notre Dame is the experience. It is a fabric woven with threads of grace-filled people, events, and places, each enriching my life with story, delight and faith. In the moments of being and engaging with others as educator, artist and spiritual companion, I see the beautiful face of God. Through a variety of gifts, God is ever present and ever new. Life, family, friends and those with whom I journey in ministry bless me daily—woven together as one.

Each day invites: come learn and live by heart. Often co-creating in mission happened in unanticipated ministries, in fragile yet resilient urban landscapes and with communities of people longing for a spiritual home, a place of welcome and beauty. Journeys in countries in Asia and Europe, with unfamiliar customs and language, offered challenge and surprise. It deepened my capacity to see the world always new and experience the world-wide presence of School Sisters of Notre Dame-- being one with all.

As a student at Rosati-Kain High School in St. Louis, School Sisters were mentors and teachers: dynamic, faith-filled women who loved life, their work and students. These accomplished women imparted enthusiasm for the Gospel, challenged students to become leaders and to use their gifts. They fostered creativity, nurtured hope, presented a broader world filled with possibility. Their joy and commitment drew me to SSND.

This is Jubilee, the celebration of being a School Sister called to make Christ visible by sharing love, faith and hope.