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JUBILEE WISDOM

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25 Years

Sister Julie began ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame as an intermediate teacher in the small town of Worthington, Minnesota. She joined the SSND community at the Catholic Indian Mission in Fort Yates, North Dakota in 1995 and for the next 11 years, would teach elementary students and serve in school administration at St. Bernard Mission School. From 2006-2009, Sister Julie was vocation director for the Mankato Province. From 2009-2011, when the Dallas, Mankato, Milwaukee and St. Louis Provinces came together as the Central Pacific Province, she helped coordinate efforts as the administrative assistant to the Quad coordinator. Sister Julie continues in this role for the Central Pacific Province.

Jubilee is a year of celebrating God's call, fidelity and grace.

The blessings of these years that I wish to share are the ways in which I have known God's love and goodness shown to me through those I've lived with in community, ministered to and with, as well as through those who have been mentors, friends and companions on the journey of these 25 years. Through such relationships I have been called to use my gifts in service to others, invited to risk and to grow, and to deepen my awareness of how God is present in each person and situation I encounter.

The wisdom I would like to share is

that in my 25 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame I have come to realize ever more deeply that our God is a generous and faithful God. While it may seem "out of the norm" in this day and age to commit oneself to living as a vowed religious within community, this choice has been life-giving for me as I've experienced over and over again the generous love of God. Each time I have thought I was taking a risk to respond to a call to ministerial service, I have found that God has blessed me more abundantly with wonderful opportunities to learn, to grow, and to have my heart stretched as I enter into such new experiences. When I have encountered struggles, weariness or challenges in life, sitting quietly with God in prayer offers consolation and peace. Whether experiencing times of celebration, challenge, or the ordinary stuff of day-to-day life, God has been faithfully present in my life's journey.