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JUBILEE WISDOM

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Sister Floretta entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame from Immaculate Conception Parish in Marrero, Louisiana. She began her SSND ministry in community service in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Earning a bachelor's degree in reading and a master's degree in education and reading, Sister Floretta began her lifelong ministry in elementary education in Texas in 1966. She would spend the next 45 years in formal education at schools in New Mexico and throughout Louisiana. Currently, Sister Floretta offers community service at St. Mary of the Pines Retirement Community, Chatawa, Mississippi.

"I thank my God whenever I think of you

and when I pray, I pray with joy." This line from Scripture expresses the gratitude I feel from having been called by God to be a School Sister of Notre Dame. I have been blessed with a family who nurtured the seed of God's love within me and continued to walk with me on my journey of faith. Blessings continued through the strong and meaningful relationships I have had with many Sisters. Spiritual and educational opportunities, community life and fulfilling ministries contributed to my growth as an SSND. For all these gifts I am eternally grateful and I thank God for having blessed me throughout my life.

Webster's Dictionary defines wisdom as the insight

and balance one learns from lived experiences. As I reflect back on my life, I can say that I have gained wisdom through liturgical and spiritual prayer and that retreats and faith sharing have stretched me as a person. The education I have received has enabled me to teach and relate with both children and adults. Also, personal interaction with wonderful, seasoned consecrated women with whom I share community has rounded out the heart of my wisdom experience. I pray that, with all these blessings given to me, I continue to grow in wisdom and grace before God and others.