

# 2012 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*Be grateful for the day  
God has given you  
to share with others.*

**-Gail Guelker, SSND**

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*-formerly Sister Lauré*

## Gail Guelker, SSND

*50 Years*

**Sister Gail** has served as a teacher, principal, child care worker, program director, executive director, community organizer, church-based organizer and high school president, primarily in St. Louis. She taught for six years in St. Charles, Missouri, and was a principal for six years in East St. Louis, Illinois. She was the assistant program director and executive director for BREM Catholic Ministries, a Catholic social ministry program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She was as a community organizer for Churches United for Community Action and Metro Congregations United for St. Louis. Since 2008, she has served as president of Notre Dame High School in St. Louis. She earned a bachelor's in American Studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in elementary administration from St. Louis University.

### **A blessing of these years I want to share**

is the unconditional and constant love of God for me. That love began and continues in the faith that was birthed and nurtured in my family. Through SSND community and my various ministries, I have been given opportunities to be with special people who continue to call me to journey in my life and deepen my love of God and others. The blessing has been rooted in the words of Micah 6:8, "This is what I require of you: to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."

### **The wisdom I would like to share**

is to approach each day with a new heart – to be grateful for the day God has given you to share with others. Live in the present, take time for reflection and prayer, challenge yourself to learn something new each day, do something for someone in need, and work to bring about justice in a fragile world. When I live this way, I am much more centered in my prayer and life as a whole.

I feel extremely grateful for the opportunities I have been given over the past 50 years – opportunities that have opened my eyes and heart to the poor and marginalized. My experiences in formal education, both in elementary and high school, have given me more respect for teachers and staff and a great love for young people. It has also helped me see the transforming power of education.



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