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JUBILEE WISDOM

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-Genevieve Cassani, SSND

-formerly S. Paulinda



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Central Pacific Province

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50 Years

Sister Gen served as a teacher for nine years in Missouri and Illinois. She was the director of initial formation for the former SSND St. Louis Province in 1972-74 and a retreat director for Center for Spiritual Development at Notre Dame Hall, St. Louis. From 1985-93, she worked at the Human Rights Office in St. Louis. From 1993-2007, she served as director of mission effectiveness for the former St. Louis Province. Since 2009, she shares her artistic talents through her ministry called Ministry of Art and Design in St. Louis. Sister Gen received a bachelor's of art from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's of art education from the University of Illinois-Urbana.

The blessing of these years is an abiding and deepening spirit

of gratitude for my call to community and ministry, my growth over time in embracing the mission of Christ, and discovering over and over again what it means to be bearer of the good news in a wounded and divided world.

I am grateful for those blessed circles of relationships

from the long-lasting to ones only a day old. For the grace to walk the spiritual path with others I am grateful. I feel gratitude for "the dearest freshness deep down things" of Earth and the magnetic pull of stars in the night sky; for birds that sing me awake in the morning and the creative spirit that fills my day. The list is endless. All is gift, upon gift upon gift.

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especially from the natural world, a great teacher. A learning for me that keeps on growing is an awareness of the cosmic dimensions of life's essential oneness and the wonders of the universe into which I was birthed and the fact that elements of Earth form me, are in me, in everything, reveals our intricate connection. Our mission call to "oneness" takes on a wider and deeper meaning. Questions naturally arise about my/our relationship to the Divine Mystery, with only more mystery for answers. The challenge for me is to find ways to live and make choices out of this new awareness. I am in process. How about you?

A few favorite interests and loves:

cut flowers in the house in winter ... time with friends and family ... dinner parties ... cooking recipes old and new ... knitting shawls for the homebound ... community prayer ... worship with St. Pius V parish community ... basketball and birding ... music, from opera to bluegrass ... Wilkerson's Pass in Colorado ... visits to my sister and her family ... creating designs, fun ones and serious ... book club reading and movie-going ... typography and watercolor ... singing together ... star and moon gazing ... delighting in the beauty of the seasons ...