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Sister Janet began her ministry as a primary school teacher in Colton, Washington. After several years in Colton and two years as a junior high teacher in Winona, Minnesota, she shifted her focus to religious education, serving as a director of religious education, a pastoral minister and then as director of liturgy at parishes in Coon Rapids, Forest Lake, Le Center and Waverly, Minnesota. In 1985, Sister Janet returned to formal classroom education as a librarian and kindergarten teacher at St. James School in St. Paul, Minnesota. Just three years later, her love for teaching religious education would lead her back to parish ministry at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Mankato. At the same time, she served the SSND community as Liturgist for the Mankato Province. From 1999 to 2006, Sister Janet was involved in pastoral ministry at Highland Catholic Community and St. Mary's Home, both in St. Paul, Minnesota. Currently, she ministers as the Director of Pastoral Care to the sisters living at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota.

Never did I dream when I chose to live

my life's journey as a vowed woman religious that it would be full of so many opportunities and blessings both spiritually and socially. It is because of this choice that my relationship with God has deepened. I've experienced a variety of ministries and have established many wonderful relationships. All of these opportunities have enriched my life in deep and wonderful ways and I'm full of gratitude to the School Sisters of Notre Dame for so much of it.

Through the years I've discovered

that everyone's life journey is full of opportunities and challenges, surprises and pain, ordinariness and "a-ha" moments. Growth takes place, life becomes more meaningful and one becomes full of gratitude when one is open to accepting what happens in the journey.