

# 2012 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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in the people, the natural  
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**-Karen M. Thein, SSND**

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*50 Years*

**Sister Karen** began her ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame as a secondary school teacher in Dickinson, North Dakota. For the next ten years she would teach high school students in Iowa and Minnesota. In 1974, Sister Karen left Minnesota to join the teaching staff at Colegio Santa Catarina in Nahuala, Guatemala. A year later she moved to Colegio San Bernardino in Patzun, Guatemala, continuing there as a junior high teacher. During her years of ministry in Guatemala, Sister Karen's teaching role evolved into service as a pastoral minister and catechist. Upon returning to the United States in 1988, Sister Karen continued her ministry with Hispanic people at parishes in Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa. Since 2011, she has served as the Pastoral Associate for Hispanic Ministry at St. Cecilia Parish in Kennett, Missouri.

### **There are many blessings and graces,**

but I know that no matter where I was The Holy One is present in the people, the natural surroundings and within me.

### **The jubilee wisdom I want to share**

is that the only way to find peace and happiness is to go through the pain. Loss has been a big part of my life, especially in the passing of family members and friends. Sorrow was, and still is, so deep, but I know going through it will only bring about what I search and long for.

### **Fifteen years ministering in Guatemala changed my heart.**

I am so grateful for those years. Living in community and learning from the wisdom shared with me – is in me.



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