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ister Nadine has served as a teacher and principal in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and California for 23 years. For the next 19 years, she served as a director of religious education, a parish pastoral associate and a pastoral minister of adult faith formation in Illinois, California and Iowa. Since 2005, she has served as the procurator/advocate in the marriage tribunal for the Diocese of Rockford in Illinois. She received her bachelor's in English from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in elementary education from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

A blessing of these years I want to share

is that I have come to know and share life with many wonderful SSNDs and lay people in my various ministries throughout these 50 years. I have been blessed by their friendship, dedication to ministry and the spiritual insights we have shared.

The wisdom I would like to share

is that I have learned in my heart what I knew in my head for a long time ... that God is faithful and that the spiritual life is about God and what God wants to do in my life and in all of creation. What I have to do is show up, give it my best, accept what God permits to come my way and trust that God can and will use it to work for my good and that of all creation. It took me a long time to learn this but I now know that I don't have to have all the answers and should consider myself lucky if I even know the questions. God is in charge so I can let go of worry, relax and enjoy what God has in mind for me and this world.

God knew what the perfect vocation was for me when I was called to be a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and I am grateful that I used God's grace to respond even though it took me a while to do that. My life has been very blessed; of course, there have been hardships but the blessings have so far outnumbered them that they are easy to overlook. Through my various ministries, I have met and had the privilege to work with wonderful priests and religious and lay people who have challenged me to grow and have enriched my life. I am grateful to God for giving me 50 wonderful years of religious life.