

2012 Jubilee



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JUBILEE WISDOM

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60 Years

S*ister Mary Myles began her ministry as an intermediate teacher at St. Mary School, a rural county school in New England, North Dakota. For the next 22 years she would teach elementary grade students at schools in North Dakota, Montana and Minnesota. In 1974, Sister Mary Myles left classroom teaching to teach religious education at parishes in Mandan and Minot, North Dakota. Ten years later, she began pastoral ministry at St. Agatha Parish in Howard, South Dakota. In 1998, Sister Mary Myles became the Pastoral Administrator in a cluster of six parishes in South Dakota. For the past ten years, Sister Mary Myles has served in volunteer ministry at St. John and Holy Redeemer Parishes in the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota.*

I have been blessed to be called to serve,

and to minister to and with many people, knowing that God is what carries us through life. We are all one body and the gifts we have we are given to share, as we live into the heart of the universe. We are born with God pulsing through our veins.

The jubilee gift of wisdom I would like to share

is that learning to live with change is a matter of learning to go with the flow of life. Attempting to dodge every wave takes life out of life.

After Vatican II, doors opened

and there were many ministry opportunities for women to serve the church. In 1998, South Dakota Bishop Paul Dudley called and asked me if I would be willing to be a Pastoral Administrator in a cluster of six parishes with two priests serving in the six cluster parishes in South Dakota. I accepted the challenge to be Pastoral Administrator in two of the parishes and served there for 14 years. Those were great years for me as the people and I grew together in our faith and learned what the Church could be. I made my closure in those parishes in 2002 after celebrating 50 years of religious life with the parishioners.