

2012 Jubilee



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JUBILEE WISDOM

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60 Years

Sister Rita began her ministry as an intermediate teacher at Holy Childhood School in St. Paul, Minnesota, spending the next 16 years as a teacher and administrator in schools in Springtown, Iowa, and St. Paul, Worthington and St. Michael, Minnesota. In 1968, Sister Rita shifted her educational focus from classroom teaching to teaching religious education for 13 years in the Diocese of New Ulm. She joined the pastoral team at St. Bridget Parish in DeGraff, Minnesota in 1981. For the next 15 years she would serve in pastoral ministry in Danvers, Hutchinson, Olivia and Litchfield, Minnesota. Retiring from full-time ministry in 2007, Sister Rita continues to serve the community and church through volunteer ministry.

Jubilee is a year of celebrating God's call, fidelity and grace.

A blessing of these years I want to share is that being a member of a community of women who not only read about the Gospel mandate to make the concerns of the poor our own, but with all our energy and resources continually search, listen and respond to the present day call of all creation to make this a reality.

I hesitate to presume that my years of learning

may be wisdom for others but here is one simple and quite ancient piece of someone else's wisdom that has become a part of my own good fortune to always be learning. The less attention and top billing I give my ego the more energy, delight, joy, peace, insights and compassion I experience in ministry, in works for peace, for justice, for prayer and for being a member of SSND.



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