

# 2012 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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70 Years

**S**ister Antonice served as an elementary and intermediate school teacher for 51 years at schools in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa. She also was a principal for four years in Knoxville, Iowa. She was a tutor for seven years at the former Notre Dame Tutorial Center in St. Louis. She volunteered at several schools, including Notre Dame Preschool in St. Louis, and at the St. Augustine Wellston Center in Wellston, Missouri. She currently serves a ministry of prayer and presence at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Missouri. She earned a bachelor's in education from Webster College in St. Louis and a master's in elementary education from St. Louis University.

### **A blessing of these years I want to share is**

a call to fidelity. It is truly with a faithful God that we have given our life. It amazes me so often when my spirits are low and I tend to think of myself as a big mistake, something happens – either a sunrise or sunset, beauties of nature, or someone comes along with just the right words, a smile or a hug to help me see reality. God works wonderfully through my companions, and so often He is there though I may not recognize Him at the time. My wish is that I will serve him with joy and bring His love to anyone I meet.

### **The wisdom I would like to share is**

God has made each person so unique. Each has talents and abilities that differ from others. I think it is important to recognize this and try to find the good in others and to compliment them for their efforts. Also, I need to look at my gifts and share them – a smile, just a word, a hug, an offer to be of help. Let's try to treat others as we think of God dwelling in each.

As I celebrate jubilee this year, I first of all want to thank God for His fidelity and loving care of each of us. I am so grateful for that. I also beg pardon for my blundering mistakes. I think God must be having a good hearty laugh as He sees us here as one. I think each of us can truly sing:

I thank my God  
Each time I think of you  
And when I pray for you  
I pray with joy.