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JUBILEE WISDOM

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70 Years

Sister Mary Odilo served as a homemaker in various convents in Missouri and Illinois for 14 years, followed by 12 years as a staff member at schools in Quincy and Belleville, Illinois. From 1971-99, she worked and lived at Villa Gesu, the former retirement center for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis. She continues to serve through her prayer and presence.

A blessing of these years I want to share is

the joy, happiness and the wonderful time spent at a mission, the places where I have served. The most enjoyable ministry was my 28 years at Villa Gesu.

The wisdom I would like to share is

that my religious life has been a gift and that I can share it with so many others.

While living at the Villa,

I worked in the kitchen and dining room, helping to strip furniture, worked in crafts and ceramics in occupational therapy, and of course, outside in the garden and yard. However, I am grateful for the many, many times I was able to be at the bedside of our sick and dying sisters. During these times I often thought that one day it would be my turn to be so near to eternity, and so I tried to prepare.



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