

2012 Jubilee



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JUBILEE WISDOM

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never abandoning us.*

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75 Years

Sister Mary John entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame from St. Joseph Parish in Conway, Arkansas. She holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Latin and served as a secondary school teacher for ten years in Missouri, Iowa, Louisiana and Illinois. In 1951, Sister Mary John left the classroom to begin a new ministry in Kyoto, Japan. For the next 19 years, she would minister in Japan first as the Candidates and Novice Mistress, then as the Regional Superior and later as a faculty member at Notre Dame Women's College in Kyoto. Sister Mary John returned to the United States in 1973, studying pastoral ministry at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. She worked in pastoral ministry in Arizona and later in New Mexico. For several years she served the SSND community as part of the Dallas Province Formation Team. In 1986, Sister Mary John took over as Food Service Director for Abraham's Tent, an ecumenical soup kitchen in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Two years later she was asked to join the staff of the Southwest Louisiana Literary Council. In 1992, at age 75, Sister Mary John retired from full time ministry to community service at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi.

A blessing for these years I would like to share

is the fact that God is always there, never abandoning us to our own devices no matter how well we think we can do it alone.



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