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JUBILEE WISDOM

God gives joy and contentment when we listen to his call.

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-formerly S. Romuald

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75 Years

Sister Pearl Mary ministered as an educator for 57 years, serving as a teacher, school administrator and librarian. She served at schools in the Wisconsin cities of Green Bay, Marinette, Milwaukee and Neillsville; in Guam in the cities of Agana, Agat and Barrigada; in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and in Michigan City, Indiana. Sister Pearl Mary is a member of the Notre Dame of Elm Grove community where she serves through prayer and presence.

In 1962, as Sister Romuald, she arrived in Guam

in time for one of the worst typhoons in the island's history. But that initial storm was in stark contrast to what life would be like there. She served as principal and local superior, teaching Spanish in a school of 853 students in first through tenth grades. The school faculty was comprised of ten Guamanian sisters, four stateside sisters and six lay teachers. The people were gentle and generous and she admired them for their great love of children and their respect for elders. She very much enjoyed Guam's wonderful climate and beauty.

A blessing of these years I want to share is

that as I look back on the 75 years, plus three in formation, the years have been filled with grace, blessings, and much joy. There is not a time I had any regret in becoming part of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Life wasn't perfect but the joys and blessings far out-shadowed any difficulties or sorrows. At my age of 96, four-fifths of my life has been as a School Sister of Notre Dame. I thank God for those great gifts.

The wisdom I would like to share is

how much joy and contentment God gave me when I listened to his call.