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50 Years

Sister Barbara Jean has served as a teacher and principal for 36 years in Missouri, Illinois and California. From 2000-02, she was the principal at Marian Middle School in St. Louis, a co-sponsored ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. From 2002-11 she was an administrative assistant for Tree House Ministry in St. Louis. Since then she has assisted sisters by serving as a driver at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Mo. She received a bachelor's in music theory from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in applied music from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

A blessing of these years is the faithful love of God

for me, for SSND and for all the world. I especially appreciate that I was able to learn about and work with several different cultures, all right here in the U.S. I didn't have to travel to another country; I could be a "home missionary." I also praise God that I was able to continue to study, enjoy and share with others the gift of music as well as the wonders of nature and the universe. More recently, for 10 years I shared in the ministry of Tree House, an inner healing ministry founded by Cecelia Ann Loomer, SFCC. The miracles of healing we experienced are truly amazing! Currently, God is again showing me down a different path, that of ministering as driver to our sisters at Anna House and Veronica House. I find the contact with these sisters very life-giving! No matter what, God's love endures forever!

The wisdom I would like to share is that of letting go and

letting God be in charge. We work our best ministering to others and all of God's creation, but in the end we place all the results into God's hands, freely surrendering all – along with ourselves – trusting in God's unconditional care and unfathomable wisdom.

I was drawn to the School Sisters of Notre Dame

because my grade and high school years were all spent in their care. I grew to be close friends with many of them and could think of no better group to join when God called me. It was a "natural" fit.

The times I like to remember in my formal education ministries

were those in which the students or teachers excelled or won awards, or when they made obvious strides in growth and learning. In the inner healing ministry, seeing others (and myself) experience both large and small breakthroughs in the healing of abuse, pain or grief was especially rewarding and meaningful. Jesus' healing touch is still palpably present in the world!

I would like people today to realize the importance of community

in their lives and in the church. My hope is that we SSNDs will be the leaders and examples in this. It is happening – one person, one group at a time!