

2013 Jubilee



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JUBILEE WISDOM

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-formerly S. Paul Maureen

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50 Years

Sister Jean has a diverse history of service in education — entirely in Wisconsin. Her first assignment was teaching intermediate students at St. Agnes in Butler. Next, she taught junior high at St. Stephen in Stevens Point where she also served as principal. From 1972-1980, she taught junior high students at St. Anne in Milwaukee. In 1980, she began working with the Hispanic community as principal and teacher at Holy Trinity-Guadalupe School in Milwaukee. The next three years were spent with pastoral and Hispanic ministries at St. Patrick and St. Andrew Parishes in Whitewater and Delavan. She returned to Milwaukee's southside, where she worked for 11 years as a teacher and curriculum coordinator at Nativity Jesuit Middle School which educates Latino boys. In 2004, she was called to ministry at Notre Dame Middle School (NDMS), founded in 1996 by SSND, with the mission of educating and preparing Latina girls for higher education. NDMS provides a bi-literate (English and Spanish) setting, with an emphasis on leadership skills, critical thinking and social justice. In addition to teaching, mentoring and counseling, Sister Jean served as family visitor. She went to students' homes to gain a better understanding of the girl's life and family. Perhaps this involved providing for concrete needs, like food and warm clothing, or responding with emotional and spiritual support for a family. From 2008 to present, Sister Jean has served as principal of NDMS. She earned a bachelor's in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in education from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

A blessing of these years

is the opportunity I've had to get to know God personally and better through prayer, retreats, and the many wonderful people I have had the pleasure of serving and working with.

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