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JUBILEE WISDOM

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50 Years

Sister Joann served as a teacher for 13 years and in high school administration for 14 years in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and California. From 1993-2010, she worked in alternative and special needs education, spending 13 years with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Pregnant Minors Program. Today, she is a part-time instructor at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. She received her bachelor's in mathematics from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in mathematics education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

In Scripture Jesus promised a hundredfold

to those who follow him. I feel that I've been blessed a hundred hundredfold in the good people I've met, the relationships I've formed, the positive influences I've experienced during my years in religious life. In addition to strengthened family ties, I've had the privilege of living with and/or knowing truly inspirational sisters in religious life; and I've interacted with so many wonderful colleagues and students. My life has been so enriched in all of these relationships.

The wisdom I would like to share is

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I was drawn to be a School Sister of Notre Dame...

Before entering the community, I was taught for 13 years by SSNDs, whom I greatly admired. Mom had two sisters and Dad had one sister who were SSNDs, so it just seemed natural to become an SSND.

Probably my most meaningful ministry experience was working

for 13 years with pregnant and parenting teens. In an alternative school setting, I taught young parents the subjects they needed to master in order to earn their high school diplomas; I enjoyed especially the days when they would bring their infants to class with them.



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