

2013 Jubilee



First Profession
April 1, 1963

JUBILEE WISDOM

*People also need care
and good ground,
especially spirituality
and faith. Without care,
we are very weak.*

-M. Canisia Hyodo, SSND



M. Canisia Hyodo, SSND

50 Years

Sister M. Canisia is a member of the Mater Dei Community at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis where she ministers as the Theresa Center Sacristan, as well as with chapel environment and music therapy.

In addition to her service in the chapel and with music,

Sister Canisia spends many hours each day tending to the gardens on the Ripa campus. As a youngster, she enjoyed watching her father trim trees. “When trimming, you have to look at the potential for the future,” she explains. “You have to know where to make the cuts so the branches will be stronger and grow in the right direction.”

Sister Canisia correlates tree trimming and education,

referring to a story about Blessed Theresa, SSND Foundress who when asked to open a nursery school in Freistadt, Austria, said: “The sisters have to develop the little ones’ dormant potential or correct the bad tendencies in order to improve their potential for the future.”

She makes her way around the many large flower gardens

with her wheelbarrow, trimming back roses, thinning plants and moving some to new areas – tilling the dirt to make it ready for new plants or pulling weeds. “Flowers need a lot of care in order to grow and become strong,” Sister Canisia says. “People also need care and good ground, especially spirituality and faith. Without care, we are very weak.”

She notes it is important to prepare before planting

and devoting time to the effort – for both plants and people. They both respond to the level and care. And it may not always be fun, especially during the hot days of summer.

But she says, “It brings me joy when flowers bring joy to others.

I love to decorate the chapel with the flowers from our gardens. Flowers are welcoming and this is our house.”



School Sisters
of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province