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JUBILEE WISDOM

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50 Years

S*ister Rose* has been a nurse for most of her 50 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame. She was also a teacher and parish health minister. She served at different times at the former Villa Gesu retirement center for the sisters in St. Louis and at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland, Ill. She served special needs children at St. Mary's Special School and was a site manager for St. Elizabeth North Day Care Center, both in St. Louis. In the 60s and 70s, she taught in Geneva, Neb., Breese, Ill., and Highland, Ill. She served as a parish health minister in St. Louis, and since 2005, is a pastoral associate at Holy Name of Jesus parish in St. Louis. She received a bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in geriatrics and gerontology from University of Missouri-St. Louis. She also has a bachelor's in nursing.

The blessings of these years that I want to share is

as a School Sister of Notre Dame, I have been blessed to be able to serve God's people in many different ways. What I know to be true is this: The Word is made flesh and dwells among us! My awareness of this is overwhelming.

The wisdom I would like to share is

the advice I was given the night I entered our community. An elderly sister came to me and said, "Every night I pray for perseverance, and I willingly accept that gift from God each morning." I know that to be true – God's generosity can never be questioned!

As teacher, nurse, missionary and pastoral associate –

no matter what way I am called to serve God's people – I know that as a School Sisters of Notre Dame, I am supported and challenged by a loving community! At this time, our mission of "Love Cannot Wait" inspires us to continue to witness to God's love in all of creation.