

# 2013 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*Keep faithful in  
your prayer life.  
Keep a sense of humor  
when things go awry.*

**-Marcia Zofkie, SSND**



*-formerly Mary Claude*

## Marcia Zofkie, SSND

*50 Years*

**S**ister Marcia served all of her vowed life as a music educator. She ministered on the secondary level at Notre Dame High School in Milwaukee and West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids, Mich. For 35 years, she served as teacher, associate professor and chairperson of the music department at Mount Mary College. Sister Marcia earned a bachelor's in education and music from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in music from Michigan State University in East Lansing.

### **A blessing I experienced while teaching**

in Grand Rapids at West Catholic Memorial High School was the opportunity to take our Madrigal Singers to Italy to perform in the 1975 International Choral Festival. During Holy Week we sang in the major basilicas of Rome, alone and with choirs from Europe. We were all thrilled to be in these solemn places during this holiest of seasons.

### **Two wisdom reflections:**

Keep faithful in your prayer life.

Keep a sense of humor when things go awry.

### **I was drawn to the School Sisters of Notre Dame through**

the influence of the only SSND I knew. In the early 1960s I was feeling the call to religious life and went a choral workshop with Sister Rosamund Shafer as one of the leaders. I was looking for a religious order dedicated to Mary, with an international scope. Sister Rosamund wrote the requested letter of recommendation, and the rest is history.

### **One meaningful time in ministry was while at Mount Mary College,**

I initiated the course: Music Cultures of the World. Eventually I wrote a textbook for the course featuring the role of women.

### **Today, I want people to know that SSND continues to adapt**

to the needs of the times in its outreach to the poor through education, missionary work and more.