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JUBILEE WISDOM

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50 Years

Sister Reina Marie is originally from Honduras. She has served assisting the directress of junior sisters; as a homemaker at the St. Louis campus and on several local missions; as a seamstress during the period of the 1963 change of religious habit; at the former Villa Gesu SSND retirement center as assistant in the physical therapy department and as seamstress in occupational therapy; as a teacher aide in Spanish Lake, Mo.; and as a volunteer at St. Louis Cathedral parish and St. Patrick's Center. She currently serves as a volunteer and seamstress at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Mo.

A blessing of these years I want to share is

God's gentle call to me to become a School Sister of Notre Dame even though I had never had contact with them. The assurance that in spite of any and every challenge or difficulty, God will always provide whatever I need to do what He wants for me.

The wisdom I would like to share is...

- The importance of dedication to simplicity and the "little things"
- Trying to see the positive side of things and to look toward the future instead of dwelling on the problems of the past
- To be courageous and speak the truth as you see it
- To accept the fact that my natural personality and friendliness provide me with many opportunities to minister to others

Even as a small child living in rural Honduras

I was deeply moved by the beauty of nature and the spirituality and piety of my grandfather. I knew that I wanted to dedicate myself to God even though I had no idea about formal religious life. My parish priest introduced me to the School Sisters of Notre Dame who sent me a picture of Mother Theresa and I knew at once when I looked into her eyes that, no matter what it took, my life and my home would be with her and with SSND.