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JUBILEE WISDOM

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50 Years

Sister Susan served as a teacher for 15 years at high schools in St. Louis. From 1981-2007, she was the coordinator for the Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investing, a program established by religious communities in 1977 to assist members to use their financial resources in a responsible and proactive way for greater economic justice. From 2007-11, she served on the provincial council for the former St. Louis Province. Since 2011, she has served on the provincial council for the Central Pacific Province. She received a bachelor's in Latin from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in French education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

As I look back, the call has usually been an inner sense,

not something glowing in neon lights. God's fidelity and grace is and continues to be a blessing. The blessings I cherish are the sisters I have lived with in community, the students I taught, the people I met in various ministries – in schools, in corporate responsibility work and in leadership in our SSND community. All these relationships and experiences stretched and expanded my mind and my heart – my whole person – to see the world, its people and its needs, with new eyes and an open, willing, engaged and compassionate heart. I look upon all of these blessings in my SSND life and in my life as a member of my own family as a web of connections that continue to enlarge and enrich my heart.

The wisdom I would like to share is

- to live each moment with gratitude and mindfulness – for life and health, for family and for sisterhood, for God's ever-present love;
- to be a life-long learner and reader;
- to be open to the conscious awareness that all is one, all is connected, all is moving forward in God's time, School Sisters of Notre Dame included; and
- to recognize that my awareness, intention, mindfulness and engagement in each ordinary moment propel the great movement forward.

Especially meaningful times in my ministries...

In doing corporate responsibility ministry for many years with colleagues from both the Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, I met many dedicated people who worked together for greater justice in our world. They continue to inspire me, and I am grateful for each of them.

In September and October of 2012, I was privileged to participate in the School Sisters of Notre Dame 23rd General Chapter. The experience of meeting and being with "sisters" from around the world proved to be an extraordinary gift.