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60 Years

Sister Aloyse began her ministry as an educator with primary students at St. Peter in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin and St. Boniface in Milwaukee. She next taught secondary students at St. Joseph in Appleton, Wisconsin and St. Stanislaus Kostka in Chicago. She received a bachelor's in home economics and education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in textiles from Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia. Sister Aloyse was instrumental in establishing the nation's first four-year fashion program at Mount Mary. In addition to her role as associate professor, she served as chair of the fashion department. Recently, she was honored for her 50 years of service to the program. She retired from her full-time positions in 2008 but continues to serve as executive director of Friends of Fashion, a group whose members help support the college's Historic Costume Collection comprised of more than 9,000 pieces.

A blessing for me has been the guidance of God

through my vow of obedience. On entering the School Sisters of Notre Dame after only one year of study at Mount Mary College I could never have laid out a plan for the direction that my life took.

Following my initial training in the candidature and novitiate,

I was sent out to teach in the lower grades in Milwaukee. Each year I was assigned to a higher grade level. My transfer to Chicago entrusted me with teaching a variety of courses to high school girls. Along the way I took Saturday and summer courses in art and textiles.

My transfer to Mount Mary College as a faculty member required

my earning a master's degree at Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia. Unbeknown to me, Sister John Francis, president of Mount Mary had determined that when I returned to the college, I would begin the fashion design major.

Through these years of working at Mount Mary College

with our dedicated faculty and teaching young women, I have experienced relationships that helped students realize their dreams and develop into accomplished women and confident professionals.

Words of wisdom...

Each person whom I meet, spend time with, or catch a glance in passing is an encounter with God. God's presence is worthy of my time and attention. Every encounter is with God's creation and LOVE.

I questioned my call to religious life in my earlier years

of Catholic school education but I was not convinced (in grade school with other religious orders). I was drawn to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, having experienced their teaching and true interest at Messmer High School and Mount Mary College.