

# 2013 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*...when an individual is gifted  
with insight that person  
should share it with others.*

**-Ann Semel, SSND**



*-formerly S. Edmond Ann*

## Ann Semel, SSND

*60 Years*

**S***ister Ann* began her ministry as an educator in primary, intermediate, junior high grades and was a school administrator in Louisiana. She moved into university education in Texas where for 43 years she was an instructor, professor and later Chair of the English Department. After leaving formal education she participated in Art Ministry for Transformation. Currently Sister Ann is in the ministry of prayer and presence.

### **A great blessing of my “call” was to serve**

at St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, Texas. I was hired to teach there in 1967-68 after completing my Ph.D. in English from Notre Dame University, Indiana, majoring in American literature. I was able to introduce American Minority Literature and later was able to convince Macmillan Publishers to include American Minority Literature in its *Anthology of American Literature*.

### **After spending eight months with our Sisters in Japan,**

I designed a course on the Literature of Peace and War including the works of German and Japanese writers, and by writers who told of wars during the European/American settling of North and South America. My objective was to teach the horror and waste of wars.

### **I also designed a new degree program in the 1980s**

called English Communications with a combination of English and Business department courses. It is now the largest major at St. Mary’s. Although we presented this new degree program at a number of national conferences, no other university has been able to get the business school to cooperate.

### **The wisdom I would like to share is**

largely based on my experience at St. Mary’s; when an individual is “gifted” with “insight” she should share it with others. Many times these “insights” are potential “gifts” we can offer to others so they can “share” with others.



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