

2013 Jubilee



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JUBILEE WISDOM

*Trust that God is near and
things will work out.*

-Connie Pytlik, SSND



-formerly Stella Maris

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60 Years

Sister Connie served in education and pastoral ministry. She taught primary and intermediate students for nearly 20 years. Her teaching assignments were St. Alphonsus in Chicago; St. Isidore in Grand Rapids, Mich.; and in Wisconsin at St. Elizabeth and Holy Cross in Milwaukee; St. Agnes in Butler, St. Joseph, West Allis; and St. Bruno, Dousman. Additionally, she was principal at St. Mary School in West Bend, Wis. from 1971-1976. Sister Connie worked in pastoral ministry at St. Mary Parish in Menomonee Falls, Wis. from 1976-1984; TYME OUT Youth Ministry and Retreat Center in Milwaukee from 1984-1986; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Convent in Mount Calvary, Wis. from 1987-2003. She received a bachelor's in sociology and English from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in education and counseling/guidance from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Sister Connie joined Notre Dame of Elm Grove community in 2004 where she ministers through her prayer, presence and service.

Three blessings of these years are:

- Teaching little children was a great gift. I can see why Jesus loves them.
- I experienced a broadening appreciation of the entire Church. In my parish ministry I was touched by the faith of the laity.
- Feeling much loved by my SSND community as I moved into our retirement home because of my health challenges.

The wisdom I experienced...

When things went wrong, I used to fall apart. Now I have learned that things will go wrong. However, now I've learned to calmly trust that God is near and things will work out.

I was drawn to SSND by the example of my teachers

from St. Casimir School and my aunt, Sister Marielda, whom I visited at St. Michael School.



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