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JUBILEE WISDOM

*Listening is an art;
cultivate it.*

-Irene Komor, SSND



-formerly S. Mary Casper

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60 years

Sister Irene's first 14 years of mission experience were teaching primary, intermediate, and junior high school in Minnesota. With only one year in Cresco, Iowa as a teacher, the remainder of her classroom days was spent in elementary education as an administrator. Twenty-one of those years she guided students in one school, St. Michael in Prior Lake, Minnesota. After those 54 years in education, Sister Irene moved into retirement at Good Counsel doing community service and gracing others in prayer and presence.

A blessing of these years I want to share is active ministry

in elementary education. This ministry brought me in touch with hundreds of children. Each one of them was a blessing to me. As a School Sister of Notre Dame, I believe this is an integral part of Blessed Theresa's charism – educating children.

The wisdom I would like to share is the importance of listening

intently while in dialog. Only when each person really hears and understands what the other is saying, can the discussions continue fruitfully, and the best possible conclusion be reached.

A very special grace I cherish is the gift of my dear sister, Mary Lou.

As my only sister, we were very close throughout all of childhood and into adulthood. Although she had obligations to her husband and children, and I to my ministry, we still maintained a closeness that distance could not separate. When cancer, chemotherapy and radiation devastated Mary Lou, I was able to spend additional quality time with her as she prepared for her final journey. She was happy to the end and graciously bid us all farewell. Just being with her and reliving precious moments was an enormous blessing and privilege.



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