

2013 Jubilee



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JUBILEE WISDOM

*Renew your vows often
and love life as a School
Sister of Notre Dame*

-M. Yolanda Latessa, SSND



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60 years

Sister M. Yolanda taught in the primary grades in eight different schools in Minnesota for 51 years. She began her ministry in Buffalo, Minnesota and ended her career as a professional aide in Trinity Catholic School in St. Paul, Minnesota, the last year of that impressive record. For the last eight years, Sister M. Yolanda has done community service at St. Francis Convent, St. Paul.

A blessing of these years I want to share is

that I have lived with many Sisters who daily witnessed their love, joy, generosity, fidelity and prayerfulness. I have been inspired by them as they live out God's call as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

The wisdom I would like to share is that God loves us unconditionally.

Our lives are precious in His eyes. God touches our lives daily with his love, joy, peace, courage, forgiveness and gratitude, through our Sisters in community, and the people to whom we minister.

An experience I cherish was an extended part of my Silver Jubilee

in Rome. I was able to go to a small town in southern Italy where my parents lived before they immigrated to America. I spent a few days in the home where they lived and experienced some of the village life so dear to my mother and father. I experienced the tremendous kindness and generosity of my family, the simplicity of their home, and their pride of introducing my companion and me to their friends.

A ministry experience I treasure was preparing children for

their First Penance and First Communion. It was a special joy for me.

A Vacation Bible School memory I have, is of a precious little girl

who found learning a challenge, who lisped an addition to the song, "Surprise, Surprise." Her ad lib: "God is a surprise!"



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