

# 2013 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*The ministry of education  
is transformative!*

**-Marion Welter, SSND**



*-formerly S. Mary Gracian*

## Marion Welter, SSND

*60 years*

**S**ister Marion spent her early ministry years as an elementary and junior high teacher before taking on the responsibilities of administrator in a number of schools. After a sabbatical at Weston School of Theology, she became the superintendent of the Mankato Area Catholic Schools. Then Sister Marion was an elementary school administrator for some years before becoming the director of development for the Mankato Province. Then for five years she was director of stewardship at Epiphany parish in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Currently, Sister Marion is a hospitality minister at Notre Dame Center, St. Paul and is involved in numerous educational and stewardship boards and committees.

**A blessing of these years I want to share is that God's faithfulness** and presence have been with me in joys and challenges. Living in community with other dedicated women affirmed me and challenged me to grow in my personal and faith life.

**A ministry experience I treasure was directing the merging of** five Catholic Schools into one Mankato Area Catholic School system. It came to fruition through the leadership, cooperation, support and efforts of many dedicated persons, who gave untold hours, days and months of involved service. It was a life-giving endeavor!

**What drew me to SSND was the joy and dedication of my** SSND teachers in both elementary and high school. They inspired me! In addition, I had three aunts who were School Sisters of Notre Dame. My grandfather had seven sisters and they all became SSNDs. Obviously, the name School Sisters of Notre Dame was a familiar name in our household and I wanted to be part of it.

**I would like people to know that we School Sisters of Notre Dame** are still carrying out the mission of our foundress in education, especially to women, children and the poor. Our ministries in 30+ countries reflect this and are a testament to it.