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JUBILEE WISDOM

"Let us not lose sight of the wonders which Our Lord is ready to work in us."
-Mother Caroline

-M. Paulanne Gruber, SSND



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60 years

Sister M. Paulanne began her service with 10 years in God's vineyard as a primary teacher in schools in Minnesota. Then she moved from teaching and became a registered nurse. She received her RN at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. For a length of time Sister M. Paulanne was Health Care Coordinator at Good Counsel during which time she became a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. She cared for patients in 10 nursing homes in the Rochester area during her long nursing ministry. In 2002, Sister M. Paulanne worked in hospitality at Notre Dame Center. By 2005 she moved into semi-retirement. She continues doing community service at Good Counsel doing foot care and being a companion nurse. She belongs to a quilting group and is an accomplished seamstress.

A blessing of these years I cherish is

belonging to an international community that challenges us (me) to move inward and forward to provide for the concerns of the poor.

The wisdom I would like to share is that

we can glean and grow from every age grouping we serve. In teaching 6-7 year olds, the children added innocence, spontaneity, and laughter to my life. Later on, as a nurse caring for the 70-80-90+ year olds, I learned from them patience, perseverance and gratitude. Their wisdom is priceless!

I was drawn to SSND, because I grew up knowing the Sisters.

When my younger brothers were born, we took them to the convent so mother could show them to the Sisters, who were her former teachers. It was love at first sight! I spent time after school and on Saturdays helping the Sisters wherever needed. My dad even asked me if I wanted to move my bed down to the convent! After grade school I went to the Aspiranture, and the rest is history!



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