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JUBILEE WISDOM

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70 Years

ister Ella Francis ministered for 57 years with primary and intermediate students. All of her teaching assignments were in Wisconsin, including St. Peter, Beaver Dam. In addition, she taught at these Milwaukee schools: St. Augustine, St. Anthony, St. Stanislaus, St. Mary Czestochowa, St. Hyacinth and St. John Kanty. She retired from the classroom in 2000 but continued to serve as a tutor to students until 2005. Sister Ella Francis earned a bachelor's in education and history from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. In 2012, she joined Our Lady of the Angels community in Greenfield, where she serves through prayer and presence.

A blessing I feel this jubilee year is to be at Our Lady of the Angels.

Our home is all on one floor and my room is spacious. The love and care I am receiving is a gift. I attend all our wonderful times for prayer and activities. What a blessing to be here.

The wisdom of my years really comes from the children.

It is to accept people as they are and not as I want them to be. I smile just thinking of the children with their simple ways.

It was my SSND teachers who drew me to their lifestyle of prayer, community and dedication as well as teaching. How wonderful it was to become a sister and to teach the little one all of my years of ministry. It continued to be a privilege and a joy to prepare the little ones for their first Communion. It was as special for me as it was for them.

I would like people to know how blessed I am to have chosen this life and to belong to the School Sisters of Notre Dame.