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Sister M. Yvonne began her SSND ministries as a nursing aide. Within a year she became a teacher in elementary schools. Her 20 years in elementary and junior high grades also included 12 years as administrator. She served for 31 years as a science teacher at St. Michael, Loyola, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Agnes, all secondary schools in Minnesota. She counts many award-winning science students among her former students, six of whom received international awards. Sister M. Yvonne herself has received multiple awards from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) because of the inspiration she has been to students. In her later years, she taught at Good Counsel Learning Center. Since retiring from community service in 2007, Sister M. Yvonne is enjoying keeping active and spending her time in prayer and presence.

Seventy-five years of living in answer to God's call as an SSND is an event to celebrate by giving thanks to God for His many graces and blessings. At this jubilee time, I feel that being a religious and teacher was for me a true and wise discernment.

I was drawn to become a School Sister of Notre Dame because we lived very near to the SSND convent and I had frequent contact with the sisters. Their joyful and happy spirit impressed me and encouraged me to join the SSND. One of my favorite past-times while growing up was playing school. I was always the teacher. My sisters were my pupils, but often the neighborhood children joined us.

After almost 60 years of teaching the "wonders of God's creation" mainly in the field of science, it is rewarding to receive many grateful letters from the students telling of their success in life. I am most grateful to the SSND international order that prepared me to serve and follow Christ and enabled me to lead others to know God's love for them.