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50 Years

Sister Dannel served as a teacher for 21 years in St. Louis, Missouri; Dardenne, Missouri; Quincy, Illinois; Belleville, Illinois; and East St. Louis, Illinois; and 16 years at St. Bernard Indian Mission in Fort Yates, North Dakota. For nine years, she was the transportation coordinator at Villa Gesu, the former SSND retirement center in St. Louis. Since 2011, she has lived in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, serving the Lakota People at the Red Cloud Indian Mission and Red Cloud High School. She received her bachelor's in education from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.

Blessings of these years... God is present in my life through the support of my family, the sisters I have lived with, the students I have taught and the people who have gifted my life. God has enriched and blessed me through all these people with the grace to be able to meet the challenges and blessings of each day knowing God is present with me.

The wisdom I would like to share is the gift of the grandmothers. As I see each day the care, compassion, gentleness and love that grandmothers show those in their care, I see how God takes care of us. I also have learned from the wisdom of our elderly sisters how our loving God touches each of our lives each day. God directs our lives through those who walk with us on our journey.

My ministry has taken me to many places. I love been blessed by each experience but two stand out in how they blessed and changed my life in my relationship with God. My nine years at Villa Gesu taught me the kindness, compassion and holiness that comes with age. My 19 years teaching and working with Native Americans has given me a greater love of the earth, their culture and the many gifts they continue to give us each day.