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JUBILEE WISDOM

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-formerly S. Alan Marie

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50 Years

Sister Dorothy began her 50 years as an educator as a primary teacher in schools in Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa and Washington. Within 13 years she began a long career as an elementary school administrator. During this time she earned her master's degree in elementary administration at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Schools in Colton and Walla Walla, Washington, Jamestown and Dickinson, North Dakota all benefited from her expertise. At present, Sister Dorothy is the principal at Queen of Peace School, Mesa, Arizona.

Being a School Sister of Notre Dame has been an immense blessing in my life. I entered the community just as the Second Vatican Council began. The opportunity to study the new documents with other SSNDs as they were published and the availability of subsequent theology classes and workshops were both exciting and enriching. As a School Sister it was a privilege to be mentored by great teachers and administrators. My years as an educator have been blessed by so many sharing the love of our faithful God with me. I can't imagine life outside of SSND!

As the years go by, my gift of wisdom is a deeper appreciation of the blessings of each day – shared prayer in community, the people with whom I interact, the smiles of children, the greetings of adolescents, sunshine and raindrops in the desert, and formation memories shared with classmates. It is in these moments that I recognize the love of our God.

I credit the decision to attend St. Mary's High School in New England, North Dakota as a major factor in my call to SSND. As a boarder, I spent many weekends with the sisters and they nurtured my vocation. Becoming a teacher with the School Sisters was a natural.