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50 Years

Sister Joanne's years in ministry include 21 years as an elementary school teacher and administrator at the schools of St. John Kanty, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Czestochowa and Corpus Christi, all located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was called to SSND leadership twice, serving two six-year terms as a provincial councilor. Following her initial leadership term, she took a sabbatical and did further studies prior to taking on a new ministry, first as director of pastoral care and later as facility director at St. Joseph Convent, a School Sister of St. Francis Retirement Home/Health Center in Campbellsport, Wisconsin. In 2011, after she completed her second term on the provincial council, she was named administrator of the Notre Dame of Elm Grove (NDEG) Campus in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Sister Joanne earned a bachelor's in sociology from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee; a master's in education and reading from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee and a master's in administration from Marquette University in Milwaukee. Currently, she continues to serve as the NDEG administrator.

A blessing of these years has been the number of wonderful people, many grace-filled experiences, and places that I was privileged to go to have enriched my life, as well as brought me to a deeper relationship with our loving God. I am truly grateful each day with the gift of life and the blessings of family, friends and those with whom I minister.

The wisdom I've discovered is to share relationships throughout the journey of life. The challenge is to live one day at a time and to be present to self as well as others in the joys and sorrows of each moment. Live and treasure each moment!

School Sisters of Notre Dame taught me in grade and high school. The sisters were faith-filled women, who loved their life and ministry. They encouraged us to be creative and involved in a world beyond ourselves and our limited geography. I was drawn to SSND by their love, concern and commitment to God and their students.