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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*“I am a word  
spoken by God ...  
Can God speak a word  
that has no meaning?”*

**-Laura Northcraft, SSND**

*-formerly S. Joyce Maurine*

## Laura Northcraft, SSND

*50 Years*

**Sister Laura** served as a teacher and librarian for 16 years in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Jefferson City, Missouri; Kimmswick, Missouri; Effingham, Illinois; and Fort Madison, Iowa. From 1984-91, she served as director of archives/heritage for the former St. Louis Province. From 1992-99, she was as a hospital chaplain at Arcadia Valley Hospital in Pilot Knob, Missouri, and currently is a chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, Illinois. She received her bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in Spanish from St. Mary's College in Minnesota.

**A blessing of these years I want to share is** a realization of gratefulness for all of God's blessings in my life – My family, my friends especially my SSND friends, my sisters in community, the many people I have been blessed by in my various ministries.

**The wisdom I have to share comes from** Sister Maura Eichner, SSND, who wrote in one of her poems, “I am a word spoken by God ... Can God speak a word that has no meaning?” My family, God's call, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, participating in mission with the people I serve – all have given my life meaning.