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JUBILEE WISDOM

*Go where your heart leads
and be true to yourself...*

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-formerly S. Mary James

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50 Years

Sister Louise Margaret served as a teacher for 22 years in St. Louis, Missouri; Freeburg, Missouri; Pacific, Missouri; Wentzville, Missouri; and Port Loko, Sierra Leone, Africa. She was a principal for 10 years in Merced, California, and Red Bud, Illinois. She also was in administration for early childhood programs in Florissant, Missouri, and 1974-80 at the former Notre Dame Preschool in St. Louis. She was director of the former Notre Dame Learning Center from 1980-83. Since 2009, she has taught at St. Mary School in Frankenstein, Missouri. She received her bachelor's in American Studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in Montessori education from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Blessing of these years I want to share... There have been many meaningful times in my 50 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame. One in particular is the years I spent as director and teacher at Notre Dame Preschool in St. Louis. The children were always a delight to be with. Their parents were young and very supportive and eager to share in almost any school activity I could create. An extra plus during those years, were the sisters at the motherhouse who would interact and take joy in seeing those children. Almost daily some would come around and take a peek at our activities, or stop their work to wave and smile. I enjoyed seeing that interaction bring out happiness in both ages.

A piece of wisdom I would like to pass on is one thought that kept me moving along during these past 50 years. Know who you are, the gifts you have, and those you don't. Go where your heart leads and be true to yourself and you'll find God there with you and happiness, too. Don't be afraid to continue to learn and grow.



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