

# 2014 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*“Poco a poco se va lejos.”  
Little by little one  
goes a long way.*

**-Margaret Mary  
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*50 Years*

**S**ister Margaret Mary's ministry in formal education ranges from working with students in middle school through high school at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles, Louisiana as well as Redemptorist High School, New Orleans, Louisiana, and later at Mount Carmel High School, Houston, Texas. She returned to Redemptorist High School in as an administrator. Sister Margaret Mary currently teaches at Xavier Preparatory School in New Orleans.

**A blessing of these years I want to share is** the gradual and more profound appreciation of the intricate support system that God has provided to me during the past 50 years. God, indeed, made the call; yet it would have been incredibly difficult for me to follow that call without the support of loving, faith-filled parents, five siblings, other SSNDs, a host of laymen and women with whom I have ministered, and the sincere gratitude expressed by the parents and guardians of students, some of whom were “problem children,” who made it through to graduation. When those same students come back years later to let me know what they are now doing and to express their gratitude for the holistic education that we imparted I cannot help but realize what can happen when people “direct their gifts toward building the earth...with the conviction that the world can be changed through the transformation of persons.” God's grace helps us to achieve much!

**The wisdom that I would like to share is** connected to an old Spanish proverb: “Poco a poco se va lejos.” (Little by little one goes a long way.) As youngsters we tend to have lofty ideals and desires to right all of the wrongs that exist in the world instantly. As we grow older, however, we gradually begin to see that “All the works of God proceed slowly and in pain; then their roots are the sturdier and their flowering the lovelier.” -Blessed M. Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger



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