

# 2014 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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I will continue to be God's  
servant by serving others.*

**-Maria Cordis  
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*50 Years*

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**During my 50 years as an SSND,** God has blessed me with many joys. By God's grace and the love, acceptance and encouragement of some special people, I have been able to persevere and not give up during the sorrow, challenges and pains that I have experienced. With God's grace, I will continue to be God's servant by serving others.

**This quote of Blessed Mother Theresa of Jesus has been** both a challenge and a source of courage to live my life as a SSND.

"All the works of God process slowly and in pain,  
but then their roots are the sturdier  
and the flowering the lovelier."



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