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50 Years

Sister Marie Celine served as a teacher for 20 years in St. Louis; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Quincy, Illinois; Burlington, Iowa; and Santa Fe Springs, California. She was a principal in Burlington and Washington, Missouri, for 13 years. She was on the SSND Provincial Council for the former St. Louis Province from 1999-2007. Since then, she has taught science at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis. She received her bachelor's in chemistry from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in physical science from Portland University in Oregon.

Over the years I have been blessed to live in wonderful, supportive communities. My sisters in community have invited me to grow in my love of God and love of SSND by their own lives of faithfulness, by stretching and challenging me to open myself to the movements of God in my life. Their acceptance of me, trust in me and love for me have enabled me to share my faith life in the SSND community and in the broader communities of my ministries over the years. A song from Les Miserables says, "to love another person is to see the face of God." I have seen the face of God in my sisters and they have helped me see how alive an active God is in my life.

The wisdom I would like to share relates to when I was elected to serve on the provincial council. The scripture quote I drew stated simply, "Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37) Over the years I've come to firmly believe that God gives us the graces we need to fulfill the call we've received. I've experienced these graces as I began my teaching ministry and again during other transitions in my life – serving as a principal and on the provincial council. I was able to accomplish these ministries because God surrounded me with people who complemented my gifts. Together we had the wisdom needed for any task at hand.