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50 Years

ister Mary Juan has ministered in schools for 18 years as a teacher and 17 years as principal. In some schools, she served in those dual roles, simultaneously. Her ministry locations were in Wisconsin at: Christ King, Wauwatosa; St. Peter, Port Washington; St. Mary, Elm Grove; and in Guam at: St. Francis, Yona; San Vicente, Barrigada; Notre Dame High School, Talofofo; and Mount Carmel, Agat. Additionally, she served the SSND community in leadership roles as regional councilor, initial formation and formation director, and regional leader. Sister Mary Juan earned a bachelor's degree in history from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. She currently serves as coordinator of the Kamalen Cluster in Talofofo, Guam.

A blessing I want to share is the overwhelming experience of the past 50 years as a religious, of being loved unconditionally by God in all the ups and downs of my life, of growing deeper in my relationship with Jesus through prayer and reflection, as well as the development of my gifts through the ministries I've been called to. I truly have been blest a hundred times over and I am grateful to God, my parents, relatives, friends and all those who have been a part of my life.

The wisdom I would like to share is that my call to religious life was not a call for myself, but a call to bring Christ to all those I encounter daily and to receive Christ from them. In giving myself to God and others, I have learned the meaning of true happiness in this life. I now understand in a better way the Scripture passage that was on my prayer card at profession:

"You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name." -John 15:16

