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JUBILEE WISDOM

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-Monica Wagner, SSND

-formerly S. Mary Alton

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50 Years

Sister Monica began her ministries as a primary teacher at several schools in Minnesota. In 1982 she moved to St. John's School in Searles, Minnesota to be an intermediate teacher. During this time she began working on her master's degree and gradually began pastoral ministry at St. John's. After finishing her degree, Sister Monica was the pastoral administrator of the parish for 12 years. Then she became the pastoral associate at Holy Rosary parish in North Mankato. Four years later, Sister Monica was elected a provincial councilor and vicar. With the formation of the Central Pacific province, she moved into her present position at Good Counsel where she is the Sister Donor Representative for Resource Development.

A blessing of these years is that each of life's experiences has prepared me for subsequent ministries – teaching, TEC retreats, mission trips, pastoral work, SSND leadership and, presently, SSND donor representative. Each experience brings me to reflect on new understandings, renew gratitude and move to transformative levels of love.

The wisdom I would like to share is the unconditional love that I believe our Beloved has for each and every one of us. I strive to cherish that love through gentleness and compassion in my daily relationships within my SSND community, with others and with all creation.

A travel experience I cherish is the opportunity I had to journey in the footsteps of our foundress, Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, in Bavaria in 1989 and to truly experience our internationality as School Sisters.

The ministry experiences I cherish are the times I participated in people's faith journeys in pastoral settings from "womb to tomb." I pray daily for all those whose lives have been woven into mine at various depths over the years. They have enriched me.

I would like people to know that we as School Sisters of Notre Dame respond to our call and the mission of Jesus today by our prayer and community life. This is expressed in our ministries to all God's people around the world, especially those who are marginalized and most in need.