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JUBILEE WISDOM

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50 Years

Sister Pamela served in education for more than 30 years. She taught biology at Notre Dame High School, Milwaukee; Caroline Academy, Mequon, Wisconsin; and Bishop Borgess High School in Detroit. Her service encompassed 25 years at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, where she taught biology and served as professor and chair of the biology department; associate academic dean; director of continuing education and dean of graduate and continuing education. Sister Pamela earned a bachelor's degree in science from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee; a master's degree in natural science from Oklahoma State University-Stillwater; and a doctorate in radiation biology at Oregon State University-Corvallis. Following sabbatical time and personal renewal, Sister Pamela moved into a new ministry. She studied clinical pastoral education at Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. She served for two years in part-time chaplain roles with Meriter Hospital, St. Mary Hospital Medical Center and at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals in Madison. Since 2000, Sister Pamela has been a full-time chaplain with the pastoral care department at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

As I reminisce and begin to celebrate the wonders of these 50 years, using the singular term 'blessing' seems too limiting. There have been countless blessings:

- friends and family who draw me into ever fuller growth while still loving me as I am;
- community who give me the gift of becoming what I was called to be;
- students with whom I could celebrate the aha moment of "getting it," whatever that concept was;
- connections shared with patients: honoring our past, celebrating the present, hoping into the future;
- the assurance that I don't need to be in charge, that a Loving Power far greater than I can imagine accompanies us;
- the hoped-for balance of mind, body, spirit that extends beyond me throughout all creation: the sacred is everywhere.

Perhaps I can best call this blessing the gift of life.

Wisdom always seems just beyond the horizon... and yet, in retrospect, I know we become gentler, freer of legalistic certitude, more able to become less 'perfect', more tolerant, more peaceful, more human and humane, and I trust, more beautiful. Our journey into wisdom is ongoing. May it always be so.