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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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60 Years

**Sister Ann Vincent** served as a teacher for 31 years in St. Louis, Missouri; Jefferson City, Missouri; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Belleville, Illinois; Burlington, Iowa; and Tulare, California. In Tulare, she also was a principal. Since 1985, she has been the director of religious education for St. Francis of Assisi in Teutopolis, Illinois. Sister Ann Vincent received a bachelor's in English from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, a master's in elementary administration from St. Louis University and a master's in pastoral theology from St. Mary of the Woods in Indiana.

**A blessing of these years I want to share** is that I was able to remain healthy and active in ministry during these past 60 years and that I was able to enjoy my ministry as religious education director for 29 of those 60 years, along with 31 years as classroom teacher at various levels in different locations.

**The wisdom I would like to share** is the belief that I have come to understand, that all my earlier experiences in religious life have prepared me for the ministry I am currently and successfully involved in now as religious education director.

**I had School Sisters of Note Dame as teachers** during my grade school and high school years. I got to know their teaching strategies and to know them as a group. They all had the same focus to help all of us children and youth become the best persons we could be. This is what primarily directed me to Notre Dame. I also had the good example of religious commitment from my Dad's brother, who was a Brother of Mary, and my mother's four cousins: two Sisters of Loretto, one Society of the Sacred Heart and one School Sister of Notre Dame.

**The time after Vatican II changes** and the challenge to experience many changes in religious life, from changing from a monastic structured rule to an apostolic structured rule, was very meaningful for me, because we were able to develop ourselves and allow ourselves to be developed in a stronger spiritual way.



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