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JUBILEE WISDOM

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-formerly S. Mary Victor

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60 Years

Sister Anne served as an elementary and junior high teacher her first 25 years of life as a religious. Her first assignment took her to Cresco, Iowa. Subsequent teaching was in towns in Minnesota. As an accomplished musician, in addition to her classroom duties, Sister Anne was the parish organist and choir director, as well as teacher of piano, organ and guitar. A taste of pastoral ministry changed Sister Anne's focus. She studied at Marygrove College in Detroit and began her new work in pastoral care. At present Sister Anne is the pastoral care director and parish musician at St. Matthew in St. Paul, Minnesota.

I understand the spirit of wisdom as mindfulness of God's presence and goodness at each moment of each day. Wisdom is gained in the moments of weeping and laughing, in giving and receiving, in losses and gifts, in moments of agony and those of gratitude, in hopes and dreams fulfilled and those shattered. Wisdom is life in Christ.

School Sisters of Notre Dame first came to my hometown, St. Michael, Minnesota in 1886 when the pastor asked Mother Caroline for three sisters. Sisters were my teachers through grade school. During my high school years at Good Counsel Academy in Mankato, my life continued to be nurtured in the spirit of Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger and the SSND charism.

I loved my teachers for what they taught and for what they lived. From them I learned my love of teaching. As a musician, creating all-school Christmas and spring programs and, at St. Matthew's, musicals like "Joseph," developed and animated my love of all music. My life theme: "I cannot not dance!" After a quarter of a century in the classroom, I was called to follow the life of a pastoral minister befriending the sick, dying, and lonely.



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