## Jubilee



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ister Cecile began her SSND ministries teaching in the elementary schools in South Dakota and Minnesota. After 13 years she became the administrator in two different schools. A complete change of focus came about in 1975 when she began training at Willmar State Hospital in pastoral care and chaplaincy. She remained in that position for approximately 30 years. For the past nine years, she has been a pastoral presence at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, Minnesota.

A blessing I would like to share is the privilege the community gave me to work as a chaplain at a state-run psychiatric hospital. For close to 30 years I worked with alcohol/drug addicts, mentally ill persons as well as mentally challenged adults. I experienced their pain, sense of worthlessness, and struggle as they faced their issues. I always believed these people were God's special ones and that it was my calling to believe in them and to bring to them a sense of hope and God's unconditional love.

The wisdom I would like to share is that God is always with us no matter what the circumstances. The more we become aware of this love the more we realize that no matter what happens our loving God gives us the strength and courage to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance.