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ister Edna began her ministry as an SSND in home service. For 25 years she did cooking, baking, laundry and cleaning in the provincial house, boarding schools and in SSND communities. She worked in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and Washington. She ministered at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona for a number of years. After all these years she decided to go into day care for children. Sister Edna worked mostly with infants and toddlers. At the present time she volunteers as a receptionist at St. Raphael Church in Crystal, Minnesota.

A blessing I received in these 60 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame is the opportunity of working for 20 years plus with children in day care centers. This was one of my greatest joys – to see the presence of God in each child.

The wisdom I would like to share is that no matter how often I have failed and in all my ups and downs, God is always present and is with me through it all.

One meaningful time in my ministry was working at a boarding school in North Dakota where I had contact with many Native American students. Another time was starting a day care at Guadalupe Area Project (GAP) in St. Paul. There was a great need for someone to care for the children of unwed mothers. These mothers needed to be free to finish their high school education without the expense of finding babysitters. GAP Day Care is still serving this need after 18 years.