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JUBILEE WISDOM

*God really and truly loves
each of us unconditionally*

-Joan Schaefer, SSND

-formerly S. Pierre Marie

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60 Years

S*ister Joan's ministered over the years in the United States and in Ghana, West Africa. She began in elementary, junior high school education and administration in schools in Longview, Corpus Christi and Dallas, Texas as well as Metairie and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The first time she traveled to Ghana she taught in secondary schools in Nsawam followed by teaching in a seminary and secondary school in Sunyani. Sister Joan returned to Chatawa, Mississippi to provide congregational services; was the director of initial formation in San Antonio, Texas; and later she served at St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center in Chatawa. Returning to Ghana, she was an occupational therapist at the Orthopedic Training Centre in Naswan and then became secretary for the District of Africa. Sister Joan now ministers in community service at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi.*

A blessing of these years I want to share is that of returning to minister in Africa when I could see for myself the fruits of seeds planted years ago in the soils of education, health care and SSND formation—ALL truly the blessing of a loving God and dedicated, faith-filled School Sisters of Notre Dame.

The wisdom I would like to share is that it takes a LOT OF LIVING to come to the awareness that God really and truly loves *each of us* unconditionally.



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