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JUBILEE WISDOM

*...to live one day at a time
and put my trust in the Lord
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60 Years

S*ister Marie de Lourdes served for 34 years as a teacher and principal in St. Louis, Missouri; in Illinois in Belleville, Breese, New Athens, Herrin, Quincy and Effingham; Tulare, California; and Gustine, California. For eight years, she was a religious education director and did parish ministry in Los Angeles and Linda Vista, Calif.; followed by six years in Odessa, Abilene and San Angelo, Texas. She returned to Belleville for five years as a religious education teacher, teacher's aide and volunteer. She currently serves a ministry of prayer and presence at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Missouri. She received her bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in guidance elementary administration from St. Louis University.*

A blessing of these years I want to share is... My ministry as a teacher brought me into contact with many students, families and friends, many of whom I am still in contact.

The wisdom I would like to share is to live one day at a time and put my trust in the Lord to see me through it, whether good or bad, knowing that he is in control. Sometimes what may seem as bad are actually graces he wishes to give.

I wasn't particularly drawn to religious life until the seventh year of grade school. My father became gravely ill, and I desperately wanted him to live, so I promised God if he lived I would become a religious. He lived another 23 years. The School Sisters taught me for the first 10 years of my education and the Daughters of Charity, the last two years of high school. My college education was from the School Sisters. Both communities were interested in me, but I chose the Notre Dames because Sister Margaretta Heberholt, SSND, had a big influence upon me. The Notre Dames are excellent and outstanding in their teaching. As a result of their teaching, I received a good education.