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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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*60 Years*

*Sister André served as a teacher, primarily in high schools, for 31 years in St. Louis, Missouri; Teutopolis, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; and Burlington, Iowa. She also taught in Africa for three years in Yengema, Sierra Leone; five years in Kabala, Sierra Leone; and two years in Sunyani, Ghana. She served as a secretary for the congregation in Nsawam, Ghana, and a volunteer at the former Notre Dame Learning Center in St. Louis. She currently volunteers at Cardinal Ritter Prep School in St. Louis. She received her bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in history from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.*

### **What drew me to School Sisters of Notre Dame?**

I was educated by the School Sisters in both grade school and high school and learned to love school. I was so impressed by some of my teachers that I wanted to be like them and do what they did and teach children. I also saw in them a dedication that brought forth joy and happiness; hence, my choice to follow God's call as an SSND.

### **Meaningful times in my ministry...**

A turning point in my years of ministry was a trip to India as a result of a scholarship offered by the U.S government. It was that experience in India where I witnessed adverse poverty along with extreme wealth. It so touched my heart that I was inspired to request to give my life to helping the poor wherever I was sent as an SSND. Consequently, when our congregation decided to open missions in Africa, I was asked to go to Sierra Leone, a small West African country and very poor, along with three other sisters to establish an SSND presence there. I then spent 16 good years of my life serving in Sierra Leone and Ghana teaching many poor children in secondary school and serving on parish councils to help decide matters concerning education in the respective area.