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JUBILEE WISDOM

*Be at peace with God,
yourself and others.
Celebrate life and
love and then you'll
celebrate resurrection.*

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60 Years

Sister Mary Edwin worked in elementary, middle and secondary schools for approximately 49 years. She was a classroom teacher, an administrator, and a development director in many schools in Minnesota and South Dakota. Her last six years before retirement she spent in parish ministry and as a parish visitor. Her retirement has been enriched by ministering at Earth Rise Farm and Clothesline, Inc. Sister Mary Edwin now volunteers at Good Counsel Convent.

What a blessing to celebrate 60 years as a vowed School Sister of Notre Dame! Jubilee is a year of celebrating God's call, fidelity and grace. Blessings abounded in each of the 18 missions at which I served. I loved and enjoyed each of them. I was privileged to help open Our Lady of Guadalupe School in St. Paul, Minnesota, which fulfilled my desire to serve as a "missionary." A trip to Mexico capped the experience. Students I sent to my parents' home during the summer months still stay in touch and visit my family.

Our silver jubilee trip to Rome and Germany was awesome. Dachau was a somber reminder of the preciousness of life lost in the Holocaust. My sabbatical in Chatawa, Mississippi was soul-changing. I am grateful for the privilege. My experience as development director in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota was enhanced by being a co-creator of a city food shelf. The food shelf still exists. What an honor to serve the poor!

Wisdom I have learned is to follow the "star" for *Love Cannot Wait*. Always try to see and feel through the other person's eyes and heart. Be aware that God surrounds you constantly and beautifully with love and peace. Blessed are those who give! Blessed are those who receive! Be at peace with God, yourself, and others. Remember your roots and always love and pray for your family, relatives, friends and even enemies. Celebrate life and love and then you will celebrate resurrection.



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