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JUBILEE WISDOM

*We can depend on God's
faithfulness come what may.*

-Mary Gen Olin, SSND

-formerly S. Ruth Ann

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60 Years

Sister Mary Gen, after less than a decade as an intermediate and secondary teacher, became an administrator in an elementary school. Four years later she was a supervisor of SSND schools in various dioceses. After receiving a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota and a master's degree from St. Louis University, Sister Mary Gen did course work in administration at the University of Minnesota. During this time she continued on as an educational consultant for SSND schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. In 1975 she became the director of catechetical programs and superintendent of schools in the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota. After working one year in the Catholic Worker House in Minneapolis, she returned to be the school superintendent in the archdiocese. Next Sister Mary Gen was the provincial leader in Mankato for two terms. After a sabbatical, she went to Africa for eight years. There she was a lecturer at Christ the Teacher Institute in Nairobi, a teacher in the SSND postulancy, the director of the temporary professed in Kenya, and eventually the headmistress of St. Francis Girls Secondary School at Kiptere. On her return to the U.S. in 2004, she was the province development advisor for three years. Since 2007, Sister Mary Gen has been the coordinator of hospitality and a gracious hostess at Notre Dame Center in St. Paul.

A blessing of these years has been the company of so many sisters and brothers, especially my dear SSND sisters around the world, as we have been about the mission together.

The wisdom I would like to share is that, open to listening to God's invitations through our own hearts, through community, through leadership, and through others, we can depend on God's faithfulness come what may.