

# 2014 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*God's call invites us to  
journey with an open heart.*

**-Mary Grace Wada, SSND**

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*60 Years*

**Sister Mary Grace** has a rich ministry history beginning at Notre Dame Jogakuin where she was part of the office staff. She then moved to Notre Dame Elementary School as an assistant teacher followed by being part of the preparation of the foundation of Notre Dame Women's College. Sister Mary Grace was involved in pastoral ministry at Kusatau Church. Returning to education, Sister Grace became a dormitory superintendent at Notre Dame Women's College and later as a teacher at the college for 25 years. Sister Mary Grace served as local leader and as a translator for the Region of Japan and now participates in the ministry of prayer.

**A blessing of these years has been the extraordinary opportunity** to be with students, families, parishioners in a variety of ministries. Each of these relationships has given me glimpses of God's caring fidelity, compassionate love and gentle guidance. For me, so many of these experiences have been the stories of the Gospel today.

**There has been so much that I have learned** as I ministered in new places and in new roles. The challenges so often gave way to, as Mother Theresa would say, the flowering so beautiful. The beauty is beyond what I would have imagined. For me these experiences have revealed the countless ways that ministry is mutual. We receive so much more than what we give.

**When I thought God was inviting me** to be a School Sister of Notre Dame, it was because I saw sisters as women of faith, prayer, responding to needs of others. I only hope that in some small way that I, too, have given that faith, service and love that I saw in them.