

# 2014 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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**-Pat Miller, SSND**

*-formerly S. Margaret Rose*

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*60 Years*

**Sister Pat** began her ministry life in elementary education in primary, junior high grades and administration in schools in Chalmette, Louisiana, Corpus Christi and Tyler, Texas. She then moved into pastoral ministry in Denton, Texas; This was followed by ministry as program director at the Catholic Renewal Center of North Dallas for the Archdiocese of Fort Worth where she continues today.

**A blessing of these years I want to share is...** that the laity in our world has become a true family for me. Thanks be to God for Vatican II that has made us one church, separating the lines between clergy and laity. Maybe sometime in our lifetimes they will eliminate the term “laity” and adopt “priesthood of all of us.”

**I met with** the provincial of the Sisters of Mercy, and then I met Mother Evangela. From that time on I was drawn to the School Sisters of Notre Dame and there was no “going back.”

**An example of a particularly meaningful time** in my ministry was when I was in my 20s and had the privilege to serve in Chalmette, Louisiana. The community there was the BEST in the world. To some extent, it was the work of super-community-member, Sister Joanita Dillenkoffer. We had a real family there, as we have here in Denton.

**I would like people to know** that we as School Sisters of Notre Dame are a group of dedicated, educated and committed women; that we seem to have sensitivity for those who need us, for whom our special gifts can be best used. I love our community.