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-formerly S. Gilmary

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60 Years

Sister Patricia began her 60 years of ministry as an intermediate and secondary teacher. It wasn't very long before she was in provincial leadership as a councilor and then on the generalate staff in Rome – one of a team of three dealing with education, mission, justice and peace. For an additional three years she continued with the Justice and Peace Commission of the International Unions of Superiors General of Men and Women (USG/UISG), serving as their executive secretary. Sister Patricia's multiple ministries included being the SSND intercultural coordinator, assisting those preparing to go overseas or returning. She assisted the Japan Region in a serious reflection on SSND educators in Japan and later spent four months with the Japanese sisters in helping the teachers in Nepal. She served as a parish consultant in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, an SSND general councilor in Rome, a secretary for the District of Africa (residing in Ghana), and as director of the temporary professed in Nigeria and Nairobi. At present she is on sabbatical.

A blessing of these years I want to share is the grace of having been able to live with peoples of many different cultures. It has helped me understand better what it means to be sisters and brothers in this universe and in Christ. Our SSND charism of unity has challenged me to be in solidarity with both the universe and the peoples of this earth.

I have had the privilege of being introduced to these understandings by the native peoples of Fort Berthold, North Dakota and by my sisters in Africa, Japan, and many countries of Europe. My 15 years serving the international community in Rome and 10 years in African countries have given me many wonderful opportunities to experience rich cultures that express diverse ways of living and finding God in this world. I am grateful!

The wisdom I would like to share is: when you say “yes” to challenges, many wonderful things happen, things you never could have imagined! You may not feel you are capable of meeting these challenges but you rely on the wisdom of others in asking you and the grace of God to see it through.