

# 2014 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*Never doubt God's  
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circumstance of life.*

**-Paul Therese Saiko, SSND**

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*60 Years*

**S**ister Paul Therese began her ministries as a teacher of primary and junior high students. After 14 years of teaching she was appointed novice director. To prepare for this ministry she attended the University of San Francisco and earned a degree in theology. She served as novice director for eight years. In 1974 she was elected to the provincial council and reelected for a second term. By 1984 Sister Paul Therese was serving as a member of the formation faculties at both St. John Vianney College Seminary and the Saint Paul Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. After several years she moved full time to the major seminary where she also took on some scriptural teaching assignments. She has served in this capacity for the last 30 years.

**Community is among one of the great blessings** of my 60 years as an SSND. Many of God's choicest blessings and graces have been mediated to me through people. The first of these, of course, was the loving welcome I received when I joined my strong Catholic family who passed on the faith. My parents and family surrounded and sustained me with their love, sacrifice, and guidance.

**SSND community became the next landscape** of communal life for me. Our form of communal life, sustained by prayer, cheerful human interaction, deep friendships and new challenges continues to call out the best in me. Through the ministry of teaching, also a communal activity, my life has intersected with many others whose lives have inspired me. The future is affected by these men and women whose lives have had and continue to have the promise of shaping the future of the SSND community, the church, and the global world. What a privilege has been mine and I am filled with gratitude!

**A wisdom I carry close to my heart at all times** is an alternate translation of "I Am who AM" from Exodus 3:14. When Moses asks God, "What is your name?" God replies, "I will be there however I will be there." I have learned to never doubt God's presence in each and every circumstance of life.