

# 2014 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*...when I place my concerns, worries, and expectations in the heart of God... God takes all these concerns, worries and expectations and the outcomes are better than I could ever dream possible.*

**-Therese Rekowski, SSND**

*-formerly S. Mary Elwyn*



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## Therese Rekowski, SSND

60 Years

**S**ister Therese's service in Catholic education included 27 years as a teacher of primary, intermediate and junior high level students, 29 years as a director of religious education and four years as a youth minister. Twice, she served with dual roles of teaching in the school and directing religious education in the parish. Her ministry locations in Wisconsin were at St. Mary, Menasha; St. George, Kenosha; St. Mary, Port Washington; St. John Nepocene, Prairie du Chien; St. Aloysius, Arcadia; St. Stanislaus, Berlin; St. Joseph, Oconto; St. Bernard and St. Henry in Watertown; St. Pius, Appleton; Our Lady of the Assumption, Beloit; St. Patrick, Whitewater; and Blessed Sacrament, Madison. She also ministered at SS Peter & Paul in Gary, Ind. and at Light of the World in Littleton, Colo. Sister Therese earned a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's degree in education counseling and guidance from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Since retirement in 2010, she remains active with volunteer service at Our Lady of the Angels and through prayer and presence.

**My Jubilee Year and every year, is one of GRATITUDE** for all that has been, is, and will be in my future. One of my special blessings is to be Therese to my family, Sister Therese to my Sisters in community and to the parishioners whom I served in my 60 years. It has been a privilege and a blessing to belong to the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the Central Pacific Province and International Congregation.

### **Gracious Creator** -Edward Hayes

At this precious moment,  
The effect of your graciousness  
Are evident throughout my body.  
My countless cells keep changing  
As my strength and health renew  
My heart beats its steady rhythm.  
My lungs securely breathe in air  
My whole being responds with ease,  
Nurtured by your creative love.  
My thankful spirit fills with wonder.

**I hope to continue to BE** who I am and to be present to those whom I live and work with... In the process of living day by day, I have found when I place my concerns, worries, and expectations in the heart of God — to let go and trust God in the outcomes — I am surprised how God takes all these concerns, worries and expectations and the outcomes are better than I could ever dream possible.

**Probably the most exciting piece of my ministry** was the two years I was invited to develop a family religious education program in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. It consumed a lot of preparation. When the Sunday arrived and the families experienced this time together, the preparation was worth all the time and effort. It was amazing how these families responded to this happening in their lives!