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JUBILEE WISDOM

Every day brings challenges and blessings. I choose to accept one day at a time.

-Vonnie De Cleene, SSND

-formerly S. Marie Christine

Vonnie [Veronica] De Cleene, SSND

60 Years

Sister Vonnie ministered in education for nearly all of her 60 years as a woman religious. All of her ministry locations were in Wisconsin except for one year at Our Lady Help of Christians in Saginaw, Michigan. She taught at the following schools in Milwaukee: St. Boniface, SS. Peter & Paul, St. John Nepomuc, St. Leo; at St. Joseph in Oconto, Wisconsin; and at Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Additionally, she was principal at St. Leo in Milwaukee and at St. Joseph in Oconto. From 1988-1992, Sister Vonnie served women at the Shade Tree ministry in Milwaukee, where she was coordinator of child care. Beginning in 1992, she began working at Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services in Milwaukee where she served as coordinator of education and curriculum from 1992-2003 and as a teacher/volunteer tutor from 2003-2009. Sister Vonnie earned a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's degree in education, counseling and guidance at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Since her retirement in 2007, she has been serving through volunteer ministry and by her prayer and presence.

I celebrate God's many blessings to me over the past years and God's grace to answer that call. I have been blessed by being able to serve and be with people of another culture than mine. In being with them I have experienced great faith and belief in God in their everyday lives. This faith that I have observed has encouraged me to develop a stronger belief in God in my everyday life! My faith has increased by example. I am blessed.

The wisdom I would like to share... Every day brings challenges and blessings. I choose to accept one day at a time.