

2014 Jubilee



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JUBILEE WISDOM

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receiving and giving love
and respect, have drawn me
closer to God.*

-Joan Kettler, SSND

-formerly S. Mary Francis Regis

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70 Years

Sister Joan thoroughly enjoyed teaching in the primary and intermediate grades for 53 years. With the exception of two years in North Dakota, her entire teaching career took place in Minnesota. She was an elementary administrator for seven years at Silver Lake, Minnesota. Sister Joan spent eleven years as a parish visitor at Holy Childhood in St. Paul before retiring to Good Counsel in Mankato. At present she is a prayerful presence among the sisters.

I was called, through the power of the Spirit, to transcend myself in order to be more deeply united with God's people (paraphrased from *You Are Sent*, our SSND Constitution). For over 50 years I taught elementary children – all blessings from our God, some more or less challenging, yet precious beings. I am grateful that year after year I could welcome a new class, serving them and serving God through them.

A genuine highlight of my life took place in 1987 when our class participated in the jubilee program in Rome. For six weeks our group of 77 SSNDs lived in our Generalate. We heard presentations about the history of our congregation and the writing of our rule, *You Are Sent*. Of course, we took some great tours. Some of my favorite places were Florence, Assisi, and Genazzano where we visited the shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The wisdom I would like to share is that I have greatly appreciated being part of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, living in community wherever I was sent to serve, receiving and giving love and respect. All these aspects of our lives have drawn me closer to God.



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