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75 Years

Sister Jean Louise ministered for 39 years in Catholic education, teaching in Wisconsin at St. Boniface, Milwaukee; Holy Angels, West Bend; St. Aloysius, West Allis; Mary Queen of Heaven, West Allis; St. Mary, Port Washington; and at All Saints in Logansport, Indiana. She served in school administration at St. Anne in Escanaba, Michigan. Sister Jean was called to be community leader at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Convent in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, where she served for eight years. She returned to Milwaukee where her next phase of service involved three years of volunteer ministry, followed by eight years of ministry to the elderly. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. Sister Jean is a member of the Notre Dame of Elm Grove community in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, where she continues to minister through her prayer and presence.

There have been blessings of these years — especially the wonderful friendships. I am so grateful for the people who have blessed my life in so many ways! I'm thankful for the love and the spiritual guidance that I've had in my life.

An important element for my spiritual journey has taken form in path imagery. I have collected pictures of paths through the years and have displayed some favorites in my room. I use them in my daily prayer, asking Jesus what path I should take this day. I know that Jesus is with me on any path I take. Jesus says: "I'll be there for you."

The wisdom that I've learned is not to talk too much and to keep life simple and loving.