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"Our love of God is the foremost factor in how we are able to respond in life."

**- Brenda TeVogt
SSND**

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25 Years

Sister Brenda served the first nine years of her ministry as an early childhood educator in child care centers in North Mankato and St. Paul, Minnesota. Following a two-year assignment in Bridgeport, Connecticut and a year of continuing education, she followed her call to Minneapolis's INSTEP, serving as director of its childhood and parent program from 2000-2005. She ministered in Gibbon and Dawson, Minnesota, for several years, then returned to Minneapolis as director of The Children's Room early childhood center. Following additional studies, in 2013 she began her current ministry as an addiction counselor at Hazelden, a rehabilitation and treatment center in Center City, Minnesota. She received a bachelor's in child development from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and a master's in family studies from Boston's Wheelock College. She is also licensed in alcohol and drug counseling.

A blessing of these years I want to share is ...

I have been blessed with the opportunity to deepen my relationship with God in my own personal growth and spirituality in community and in ministry in a variety of settings. I have been gifted by the people I have met at economic margins, the very young and those struggling with the disease of addiction.

The words of wisdom I would like to share ...

The response I am able to give in life is based foremost on the love of God and the ongoing gifts of my relationship with God. I believe this is true for anyone.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

My early years in religious life when I had the opportunity to work in a ministry that was directed by SSND and staffed with lay people. It was a wonderful experience to be enriched by people in other vocations while learning how the charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame touches the lives of the people we serve.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I wanted to live the Gospel message in community with others who are doing the same. I was drawn to helping others reach the fullness of their potential.