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JUBILEE WISDOM

*"God will walk with us
till the end of time."*

- Barbara Simek
SSND

- formerly S. Mary Francella

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50 Years

Sister Barbara's earliest ministry included seven years in high school food service at Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy in Mankato, Minnesota. She served in New England, North Dakota from 1975-1977, then returned to the Good Counsel Convent and motherhouse for four years. Following pastoral service at St. Peter and Paul in Mankato throughout most of the 1980s, Sister Barbara spent nine years in food service at Winona's Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. She served for 16 years in Prior Lake's School District #719, working the school lunch program, in child care, and as assistant manager of food service. Following a period of rest and recuperation, beginning in July of 2014 she has served as a volunteer at Mankato's Good Counsel Convent.

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

God is a good and faithful God who walks with us in good times and bad, in good health and sickness, and he will walk with us till the end of time.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

I have loved all my ministry in cooking and baking for others. One big highlight was helping VINE (a group which helps the poor) with a cookie fund raiser for six years. We made 36,000 cookies in one weekend; it was a thrill to see it all. And when I made a complete Thanksgiving dinner for people in the area who had no one to be with for the day, each year more and more came ...

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I was taught by the SSNDs and loved seeing them walk up and down the sidewalk praying. It impressed me!



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