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## JUBILEE WISDOM

"We are loved into life; called and sent ... what do we have to fear?"

> - Charlotte Flarlong SSND

- formerly S. Georgette



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50 Years

ister Charlotte has served most of her ministry in the St. Louis area, beginning as a grade school teacher at St. Michael in Shrewsbury; St. Martin of Tours in Washington Park, Illinois; and St. Andrew in St. Louis. In 1976, she was called to elementary school administration at Sacred Heart School in Eureka, Missouri and to St. Elizabeth/St. Robert Regional School in St. Charles, Missouri. She served as community leader for the former St. Louis motherhouse from 1987-1992, after which she returned to elementary school administration in St. Louis, including 12 years as coordinator of Mary Queen of Peace Parish school of religion program. During these years she also served as a part-time spiritual director at The Family Center. In 2011 she began her current ministry as pastoral associate in Forsyth, Missouri. She holds a bachelor's in mathematics from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis; a master's in elementary education from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and a master's in pastoral studies (MAPS) from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

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

I wrote the following in October 2014 when I was reflecting on my 50th Jubilee. What a blessing to know SSND is Home for me!

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Here... Peace, Here... Deep Inner Knowing, Here... Hope is Found, Here... Compassion Deepens, Here... Love Cannot Wait, Here... Groundedness, Here... Courage to Risk, Here... God's Kingdom, Here... Community, Here... Salvation, Here... Dreams, Here... Fulfillment, HERE... BELONGING, HERE... HOME

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

I believe the following six words reveal my story — our SSND story. We are "loved into life; called and sent." he Spirit of God is with us each step of life's journey. God is more than enough. We can live in peace and joy in the present. What do we have to fear? We simply respond "yes" and trust we are enough because it is our God who sends us "to make one."

### An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

My five years as motherhouse community leader at the former St. Louis motherhouse were especially meaningful. The greatest blessing was getting to know and to walk with so many of my SSND sisters through times of joy, fear, loss, suffering, illness and ultimately, death. I experienced my sisters' faith, generous spirit, hospitality, dedication, love of prayer and desire for meaningful community life. It was both a challenging time and a rich time for I was given so many opportunities to grow personally, spiritually and as a School Sister of Notre Dame.