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JUBILEE WISDOM

*"Live in the present moment.
Miracles surround
us every day."*

**- Donna Walerius
SSND**

- formerly S. Adolph Mary

Donna Walerius, SSND

50 Years

Sister Donna has served the majority of her ministry as an educator and pastoral minister in the diocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. Following her initial brief teaching posts in Jordan, Minnesota and Chewelah, Washington, she returned to a five-year assignment in Searles, Minnesota. Later roles in teaching and administration brought her to Hampton and Lonsdale. In 1979, Sister Donna turned from teaching to pastoral ministry, serving at St. Gregory-Sacred Heart in North Branch followed by St. Michael in Kenyon. From 1991-1997, she held several positions in the New Ulm diocese, then returned to religious education and pastoral ministry in St. Peter. In the new millennium, she served in Rosemount and Burnsville, then returned to St. Paul to serve four years as a manager at Highlands on Graham senior living community. Since 2006, she has served at the St. Paul East Side Learning Center as site coordinator and, most recently, full-time tutor. She received a bachelor's in elementary education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee.

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

The greatest blessing has been the faithful example, support, encouragement, and love I have received from my family who have journeyed with me throughout my life. A special blessing has also been the opportunity to meet and work with a variety of gifted and talented folks in serving God's people. I thank God for those people who have enriched my life by their dedication and encouragement.

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

The importance of living the present moment ... aware of the miracles that surround us every day.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

The "meaningfulness" of ministry continues as I experience the gift of community with all the people I work with and serve.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I was drawn to becoming involved in education while having the opportunity to experience time of prayer and spiritual growth.