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- formerly S. John Mildred



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50 Years

Sister Jacqueline served as a primary and kindergarten teacher for 25 years across several Minnesota dioceses. She worked in the cities of St. Paul, LaCrescent, Wabasso, Shakopee, Minneapolis, Loretto and St. Michael. In 1992, she traveled to Homestead, Florida, where she worked with children of migrant families as a teacher and child care worker. Beginning in 2000, she ministered at the Mankato Good Counsel Convent as a nurse's assistant. Since 2012, she has served as a tutor with her continuing prayerful presence at the Convent and Learning Center. She holds a bachelor's in elementary education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee.

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

The definite feeling of God's presence being with me throughout these years. This was especially true at times of stress and difficulties in my life. God always had ways of letting me know that he was in charge and would take care of me. All I needed to do was let go and let God. I have met many people along the way who have witnessed God's love for me.

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

When I look back on being a teacher, I realize what an important responsibility this commitment meant — to the children and their parents and to society. I felt this occupation gave me some bits of wisdom to instill into the lives of the people I came in contact with, those who touched me with their love. These 50 years have been so filled with God's graces that have supported me through thick and thin.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

My years in Florida serving migrant workers were especially meaningful. Following Hurricane Andrew in 1992, I went down to be another presence for the children who were readjusting after the storm. A job working with the three-year-olds became available ... God was leading me in a direction I had never thought of. After three months, a pre-K position opened up which was a much better fit for me. Three months later, as pre-K resource coordinator, I facilitated the melding of the Redlands Christian Migrant Association and the pre-K classrooms in two centers. It was a great growing experience. I was able to share my gift of working with little ones and with other teachers by helping them learn skills for teaching. Our teachers were trained by the Center, meaning me. God's grace was so present during this entire time.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

My formal education was with SSND all through my schooling. My relationship with many of my teachers helped instill in me the desire to become like them. My growing up with my grandparents also laid a foundation for my hopes to become a sister. Sister Giovanni was instrumental in my attending the aspiranture at Good Counsel Academy. Over and over, God has let me know that God chose me and that this life was right for me.