

# 2015 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*"God is always enough."*

- Joan Bartosh  
SSND

- formerly S. M. Raymond Ann

## Joan Bartosh, SSND

50 Years

*Sister Joan spent the first two decades of her ministry as an elementary educator in Minnesota. She worked for the first nine years in Catholic schools in St. Paul and Worthington, followed by a decade in Sartell and Madelia. Following a yearlong sabbatical in 1986, she spent 12 years in pastoral work in Estherville, Iowa before returning to serve in Minnesota's Sacred Heart Parish in Waseca. Beginning in 2001 through mid-2014, she served as chaplain at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Currently, Sister Joan is fulfilling a need in ministry discernment at the SSND residence in Rochester. She holds a bachelor's in elementary education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in pastoral studies from Chicago's Loyola University.*

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

Blessings have been abundant, most often made visible through people who have shared my journey. Sometimes these blessings came through enriching educational opportunities or major life events, such as the Rome Renewal Program of 25 years ago, or the past fall's Love Cannot Wait Renewal Program on our Sancta Maria in Ripa campus in St. Louis. For me, jubilee is best expressed in the following:

### JUBILEE

All is Grace! All is Gift! All is Benevolent Presence of the Holy One! Acknowledge fidelity, be glad, rejoice, glorify, radiate joy. Jubilate Deo!

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

The message of Jesus as shared in John 10:10, "I have come that you might have life and have it to the full," are words of wisdom that I have come to know through so many precious people and experiences. In later years I find myself sharing this wisdom in my words, "God is always enough." On a much lighter note, my phrase, "Do something wild and crazy," sums up my experience of wisdom.

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

My years as an elementary education teacher eventually blossomed into opportunities that became available while I served as pastoral minister. One such life-changing opportunity was a pilgrimage that I facilitated between the people of St. Patrick's Parish in Estherville, Iowa and the people of Guatemala, Central America. Pastoral ministry, in turn, led to my ministry as staff chaplain at Mayo Clinic Hospital on both the St. Mary's campus and the Rochester Methodist campus. It was an awesome privilege to walk into a patient's room, usually as a stranger, and so often walk out holding the patient's sacred stories and deep faith.