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JUBILEE WISDOM

*"God is big enough
for all of us."*

- Mary Anne Schaezner
SSND

- formerly S. Mary Ricarda



School Sisters
of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

Mary Anne Schaezner, SSND

50 Years

Sister Mary Anne's early ministries encompassed 12 years in teaching middle school in the Minnesota communities of Mankato, Buffalo and Hokah. From 1979-1985, she focused on Catholic Charismatic Renewal in North Mankato, followed by nine years' service in pastoral care at St. Joseph Hospital in Mankato. Following three years of service in pastoral care at the Good Counsel Convent nursing home, she began a new focus in adult faith formation at two Burnsville, Minnesota, parishes. Since 2009, she has worked as a pastoral associate at Holy Rosary parish in North Mankato. She earned a bachelor's in social science at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in religious studies from St. Louis University.

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

... having experienced a variety of God's people from different faith traditions both in ministry and in being with others (ecumenical ministry and ministerial association) in a way that has brought mutual enrichment and blessing.

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

God is big enough for all of us. I am most at peace in keeping my eyes on Jesus no matter what is going on around me.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

Every time has its own blessing ...

... the years I taught, I learned the uniqueness of each individual.

... the years I ministered in hospice, I learned to live in the present moment.

... the years of parish ministry, I experienced the dedication, giftedness and ministry of the staff and parishioners with whom I ministered.

... my various ways of ministry with Catholic Charismatic Renewal, both locally and nationally, have given me the deep awareness of the holiness and hunger for holiness of the people around us. We work together to spread the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I was taught by SSNDs and I felt called to be a teacher.
(It is more than that, but that is it in summary.)