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JUBILEE WISDOM

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**- Susan Bunde
SSND**

- formerly S. Damian Marie



**School Sisters
of Notre Dame**
Central Pacific Province

Susan Bunde, SSND

50 Years

Sister Susan has spent her entire ministry serving as a high school teacher and administrator in Wisconsin. Beginning in 1967, she spent three years at Lourdes High School in Oshkosh. She moved to Marinette Catholic Central High, then served in administration at Burlington's St. Mary School. Last year, Sister Susan celebrated her 35th year serving as a high school teacher at Pacelli High School in Stevens Point, in the La Crosse diocese. She holds a bachelor's in business education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's of secondary administration from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

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

A special blessing for me has been living in community with women who inspired and continue to inspire me with their faithfulness, friendship, love, and support.

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

As we move into the future, we really do not know what challenges it will hold for us. What we do know and need to remember is that we can count on God to be with us every step of the way.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

Especially meaningful for me was my six years in the early 1970s at Marinette Catholic Central in Marinette, Wisconsin. I think I was the youngest in the community for my first year or two there and had much to learn. My gratefulness goes to the sisters who were role models, mentors and friends. Their patience, acceptance and understanding were lessons in community living.

We taught together in the high school with laity and priests who were very dedicated and worked well together. The students were good, and we enjoyed going to their games, dramatic performances and other activities. Families appreciated the sisters and extended their generosity and friendship to us. One fond memory was planning an itinerary for attending all the graduation parties to which we were invited!

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I went to Notre Dame High School in Milwaukee where I was taught by our sisters. There was a spirit among the community there that was special. The sisters were very professional, kind and caring — fun-loving, too. This was very evident when we students helped them at our booth for the Holiday Fair at Mequon; it was a great time. I believe it was through these sisters and their spirit that I was drawn to our community.