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SSND

- formerly S. Raphael

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60 Years

Sister Doris Jean began teaching elementary school in the towns of Logansport, Indiana and Elkhorn, Wisconsin. From 1963-1978 she served in two Milwaukee schools, then ministered in the Wisconsin towns of Freedom, West Allis, Oshkosh and Sturgeon Bay, both as a teacher and administrator. She returned to Milwaukee in 1994, where she continued teaching, with her longest assignment there at Notre Dame Middle School, ending in 2008. Since then, she has continued to serve there as a volunteer librarian while residing in prayer and presence at the SSND residence in Milwaukee. She received a bachelor's in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's of education in administration from Boston College.

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

I had good years and bad years but there was always someone there for me: community, sister friends, councilors and family.

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

God loves me and only gives me what I am able to handle. I will never be alone in any time of challenge or opportunity.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

The years have gone by so fast it is difficult to answer this question. I love retreat time, especially the ten or more years that I made the Zen Retreat at Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I had the SSNDs in grade school. We spent much time with the Sisters; doing church work, cleaning and sharing our report cards with them while in high school. I never really thought of being anything else. I am the oldest of eight girls and my mother often spoke of how proud she would be if one decided to become a sister. I have never regretted being the one.