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SSND

- formerly S. Kevin Marie



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Central Pacific Province

Eileen Daudlin, SSND

60 Years

Sister Eileen's first teaching assignment lasted seven years at St. Francis Xavier Grade School in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Following a yearlong stint in Chesterton, Indiana, and four years in Detroit, she was called to teach in Galion, Ohio. From 1970-1975, she returned to Indiana, serving in New Haven. Subsequent assignments took her to the Michigan communities of Grand Rapids, Shepherd, Saginaw, Alma, Richmond and Detroit, where she concluded her full-time teaching ministry in 1993. For the next eight years, she served as a pastoral associate in Mishawaka, Indiana, followed by five years as RCIA and adult education director at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart, Indiana. After serving in various additional part-time ministries in Indiana's Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese from 2006 - 2011, she joined the Notre Dame of Elm Grove community in Wisconsin where she offers her service, prayer and presence. She earned a bachelor's in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee.

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

It's hard to believe I'm 81 years old and still feeling healthy. The secret was being around little children and learning from them. I taught them for 40 years. It was wonderful, and I loved it.

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

It is wonderful to celebrate my Jubilee the same year that Pope Francis declared as the Year of Consecrated Life. This is a special gift to us. I try to remember his words of wisdom:

*“Look to the past with gratitude. Live the present with passion.
Embrace the future with hope.”*

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

Following time as a primary teacher, I spent 15 years teaching adults about our Catholic faith and preparing them for baptism. It was a grace-filled time for me and them. After I retired, I assisted as an aide in a parish school for five more years. That was a real treat also.

Now I am at our retirement home in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. I am blessed with good health and good friends. I enjoy telling my funny stories of my teaching days. During this 60th Jubilee year, I'm ready to celebrate as much as I can.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

The School Sisters of Notre Dame have kept me in line ever since first grade and are still at it. My mother always told me, “Trust in Divine Providence and you'll be fine.” Our SSND foundress, Blessed Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, expanded on my mother's words with this: “Trust in God and walk in his ways; then he will also be with you – the infinitely good and merciful God.” (#714 – 5/30/1847)