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JUBILEE WISDOM

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SSND**

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60 Years

Sister Kieran has spent her years of ministry in towns across Wisconsin, beginning her teaching service in Milwaukee, Beaver Dam, Wauwatosa, Chippewa Falls and Hewitt. In 1970, she moved to Marshfield, serving at Columbus High School through 1976, when she relocated to our nation's capital to finish a period of study. Upon her return in 1979, she turned her focus to youth ministry, working in Mequon, Milwaukee, Pewaukee, and Stone Bank, including years as director of Tyme Out, a teen ministry and confirmation preparation program she co-founded. Beginning in 2006, she has served as a national lecturer and author. She holds a bachelor's in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee; a master's in English from Marquette University in Milwaukee; a master's in theology from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota; and a master's in religious studies from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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

My 60 years as an SSND have been filled with challenge and joy – wonderful communities to live with, great colleagues in ministry, and fabulous friendships.

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

God is present with us at every minute of our daily lives. Like a mom watching her child learn to walk, God is beckoning us toward Himself with outstretched arms, delighting in every tiny step we take toward love and goodness, tenderly picking us up each time we fall.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

I have worked with teens most of my professional life. I have loved challenging them to think deeply, encouraging them to share their convictions and their questions, helping them to realize how truly special each one is in the eyes of their loving Creator.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I knew I wanted to be a sister as far back as I can remember. "The Sisters" were very special people in my childhood. The community has provided me with fabulous educational opportunities and supported me unconditionally in my spiritual and professional growth.



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