

# 2015 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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### 60 Years

*Sister Marie Therese's first 25 years in ministry were spent as a grade school teacher, administrator and high school guidance counselor in the Wisconsin communities of Kenosha, Milwaukee and Marinette. In 1981, she accepted the call to serve the SSND congregation as director of ongoing formation at the former Milwaukee Province motherhouse. Beginning in 1986, she spent a decade in the Sunyani diocese of Ghana, where she served as a teacher and vocations/formation director. She served eight years in parish ministry in Gary, Indiana, then accepted a four-year mission as a college professor in Uyo, Nigeria. Since 2011, she has served the SSND congregation at the International House of Studies in Milwaukee. She earned a bachelor's in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in counseling-guidance from Marquette University, also in Milwaukee.*

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

... the many opportunities given me to grow as a person in every aspect of my being: spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, psychologically and socially, enabling me to respond to God's Call and share in the mission of Jesus Christ.

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

God is FAITHFUL! Nothing happens by chance. All aspects of our life story are connected and in the movement. God brings us to where we need to be.

### What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

The 14 years I spent in ministry in Africa stand out as significant. The African people and the young women I taught and shared life with have helped me appreciate differences, develop a wider, global vision and value our international reality.

### What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

The personal love, joy and dedication of the SSNDs who taught me influenced me greatly.