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JUBILEE WISDOM

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60 Years

Sister Nadine has served her entire ministry in the state of Minnesota. She began teaching in 1956 across Catholic schools in the towns of Lonsdale, Mankato, Wabasha, St. Paul and Redwood Falls. Beginning in 1971, she served as an educational consultant for the former Mankato Province until 1977, when she accepted a one-year assignment to teach catechesis in Owatonna. From 1978-1983, she served in parish ministry in Raymond, followed by posts in elder ministry and as director of activities at Bethesda Homes in Willmar. In the late 1990s through 2005, she worked concurrently in social justice and as a hospital chaplain in Willmar. She has since ministered as a pastoral volunteer at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna. She received her bachelor's in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee; a master's in education from the University of Massachusetts and a master's in human development from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota.

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

In my 20s a special blessing disguised as an illness required many months of bed rest. That gave me time to get to know God's love for me. I treasure the blessing that I began to know: God loves me, has always loved me and will always continue loving me. I try to live in gratitude. This time also gave me a forever friend, the sister nurse who cared for me.

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

God can always be counted on.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

I was asked to write/develop the Body of Knowledge for the education of activity professionals who work in nursing homes. The Body of Knowledge was then developed into three educational tracts: Basic Activity Professionals, Activity Directors and Activity Consultants. These became the basis for activity certification nationally.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

A promise my mother made before I was born. It was the Depression. There was no money for a hospital stay [for my delivery]. When Dad went for the doctor, Mom prayed a Rosary and promised if all was OK, she would dedicate me to Mother Mary. She wanted me to go to a high school of sisters dedicated to Mary. Thus she blessed me before I was born, but told me only when I was a senior at Good Counsel in Mankato. She confirmed my own desire by telling me.



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