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JUBILEE WISDOM

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down all the blessings
of these years!"*

- Susan Birk
SSND

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60 Years

Sister Susan's first five years in ministry were spent teaching in St. Louis and Breese, Illinois. Beginning in 1962, she began a decade of service at the former St. Louis Province motherhouse as director of initial formation for the SSND postulants. Following a 10-year ministry as the SSND provincial treasurer, she served the congregation as a provincial councilor in St. Louis through 1987. Being called to the Generalate in Rome, she ministered for the next tens years as a councilor. On the eve of the new millennium, she continued in several administrative roles around St. Louis, including posts with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Notre Dame Preschool. In 2008, she answered a call to serve SSND through volunteering, prayer and presence at both the motherhouse and Theresa Center. Since 2013, she has resided at the Veronica and Anna Houses in Bridgeton, Missouri. She received her bachelor's in business education from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in business administration from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

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

I have received so many blessings during these years of religious profession, that I'd need a big book in which to write them all!

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

Wisdom gift ... wherever I was sent, my ministry became especially meaningful, because I became a wiser person.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

An especially meaningful time in my ministry was when I was in California.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

In a sense I was always drawn to SSND, because I was taught by them from the 1st grade on. This was a good experience because I liked the sisters and enjoyed being with them.