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JUBILEE WISDOM

"Affirm others in what they do (and know) that you can't please everyone."

- Clare Marie Cato
SSND

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70 Years

Sister Clare Marie began her teaching ministry in elementary education during the post World War II era. From 1945-1949, she served at St. Francis of Assisi School in Teutopolis, Illinois. Following a three-year assignment in San Diego, she was called to Pico Rivera in the Los Angeles diocese, where she taught elementary school for nine years. She followed her call to Texas in the early 1960s through 1975, serving as a teacher and principal in the cities of Tyler, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. She moved to Metairie, Louisiana, to accept a teaching position at St. Philip Neri School, a ministry she continued there for 14 years. Beginning in 1989, she began a ministry in foot care, serving the sisters in residence at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi. Since 2005, she has continued her ministry there in prayer and presence. She holds a bachelor's in English and a master's in education from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

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

Gratitude! I am grateful to God for calling me to be a School Sister of Notre Dame.

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

I learned it is good to affirm others in what they do and that you can't please everyone.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

Over the years, I was a teacher, a principal, a primary supervisor, and did foot care at Chatawa.

It was especially meaningful for me to care for the feet of the Sisters. They were always most grateful and I enjoyed making them feel better.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I loved my 8th grade teacher who was a Notre Dame. She was so kind and listened well.