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JUBILEE WISDOM

"Be open to a daily experience of the living God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit!"

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SSND**

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70 Years

S*ister Francis Clare served the first 14 years of her ministry as a teacher in the Minnesota communities of Wabasha, St. Paul and Lismore. From 1959-1965, she taught in Waterloo, Iowa, followed by one year in Raleigh, North Dakota. She returned to Minnesota, teaching in Madison and Mankato through 1971. Following several years of personal renewal time, she resumed teaching ministries in Wells and Sleepy Eye. In 1978, she answered a call to serve in charismatic ministry for the Diocese of New Ulm, and continued in writing and charismatic ministry in Sleepy Eye, West Allis and Mankato. Since 2006, she has witnessed in prayer and presence at the Good Counsel Convent in Mankato. She received a bachelor's in English from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul and a master's in counseling-guidance from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.*

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

I did a lot of travel by leading groups of 40-50 on a bus to Israel, for 20 years ... teaching and praying with people. We marched in a parade with Christians to take part in the Feast of Tabernacles.

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

To be open to a daily experience of the living God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Then, to share that experience with others and to listen to their experience.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

Was teaching and praying with people and writing four books, with seven years in between each. These books explore my experience of God and invite others to experience God.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I had four aunts who were SSNDs — three on Mom's side and one on Dad's side. We got letters from them every year. I went to Good Counsel Academy in Mankato and got to know many more SSNDs from 1938-1942.