

# 2015 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*“Lord, you are near  
to all who call upon you.”*

**- M. Ellene Gross  
SSND**

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*70 Years*

*Sister Ellene's* decades of ministry began in 1945, when she served three years in housekeeping at the Church St. Agnes in St. Paul. She followed her call to Clarkston, Washington, serving Holy Family Parish through 1955. Following several years' service in the Minnesota communities of St. Michael and Mankato, she accepted a call to Greenville, South Dakota, where she lived until 1961. Over the next 25 years, she served in housekeeping and food service at various locations across St. Paul and Mankato. In 1985, she began an eight-year ministry as a home health aide in Bismarck, North Dakota, after which she relocated to the North Dakota town of Napoleon to care for her aging parents. Between 1998-2005, she served the parishioners of Napoleon's St. Philip Neri Church. Since 2006, she has ministered in prayer and presence at Mankato's Good Counsel Convent.

The theme of Sister's life and what she believes about her God may be summed up in the passage she has chosen for her funeral liturgy:

*“Lord, you are near to all who call upon you.” – Psalm 145*



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