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we regard all as gift ..."*

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SSND**

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70 Years

Sister Margaret Cortona spent her first decade as an elementary school teacher in St. Louis and in the Illinois towns of Breese and Cairo. From 1955-1983, she served in two St. Louis Catholic grade schools, St. Raphael and St. Martin of Tours. She then accepted a role serving as a teacher's aide at Notre Dame Preschool on the Sancta Maria in Ripa Campus in St. Louis, a post she held through 2004. She resided and served on staff at the former St. Louis Province motherhouse until 2007, when she retired to the Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri. Since 2009 she has devoted herself in prayer and presence at SSND's Anna House, also in Bridgeton. She holds a bachelor's in elementary education from Webster College in St. Louis.

Within Sister Margaret's copy of *You Are Sent*, the Constitution and General Directory of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is a paper on which she wrote the following quotes. They are apparently very meaningful to her.

"In Jesus is our hope, in His love our fidelity; in Him we find All." C13

"We cling to nothing but the Lord, who gifts us with peace and joy ... to hope against hope ... We regard all as gift ..." C16

"Prayer brings our whole religious life into focus; ... emphasizing now the person, now the community, now the world we serve. Thus prayer is our continuing response to God's continuing call to mission." C28

"Sacred scripture, the living word of God, is vital for our life and prayer ... Slowly, irresistibly, God draws us more deeply into Himself, transforming us into His image." C31