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JUBILEE WISDOM

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Our Blessed Mother's words
guide me each day."*

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70 Years

Sister Mary Eugene has devoted herself to domestic care for others throughout her 70 years as an SSND, primarily in Minnesota parishes and the congregation's Good Counsel Convent in Mankato. She has served in five dioceses of North Dakota and Minnesota, beginning her ministry in 1943 in St. Paul, as a housekeeper. The list of locations includes the North Dakota towns of New England, Mantador and St. Pius; and the Minnesota communities of Dayton, Montevideo, Mankato, Wabasha, St. Paul, Winona and Mankato. From 1966-1975, she worked with postulants at the Good Counsel Convent, followed by service for two years at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona. Since 1977, she has resided and worked in laundry service at the Good Counsel Convent.

A blessing of these years I want to share has been the blessing of ...
... living in community.

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

The words from Scripture that are meaningful to me were said by the Blessed Mother at the wedding in Cana. When the wine ran short, Mary told Jesus about it and then said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." [John 2:5] These words guide me each day to respond to what God wants me to do.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

A very special time was I cared for a young woman who was severely impaired with Down syndrome. I assisted her parents for about 10 years, when they needed someone to be with her and care for her. It was a blessing for me to do this. I saw Christ in her.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

I grew up in rural North Dakota. My family lived too far from school to go back and forth daily, so we were boarders at St. Pius School in New Salem, N.D. The School Sisters of Notre Dame who taught us and cared for us were so kind and loving. This attracted me to want to be a sister, too.