

# 2015 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*"Tell the truth as you see it."*

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SSND

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70 Years

*Sister Mary Ingrid* taught for 26 years in Catholic grade schools across the Wisconsin communities of Madison, Milwaukee, Waterloo and Sun Prairie. Beginning in 1970, she served a three-year term as a provincial councilor in Mequon, Wisconsin, then returned to the classroom for three more years in Marshfield, also in Wisconsin. From 1976-1984, she served in administration at Notre Dame Health Care Center in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She ministered as a secretary for 14 years at Milwaukee's Maryhill Retirement Center, after which she pursued numerous volunteer and part-time ministries across Milwaukee. She now resides in prayer and presence at our Lady of the Angels convent in Greenfield, Wisconsin. She earned a bachelor's in history from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee.

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

Entrance into the convent was a "family affair" — father, mother and brother. Preparing for the day of entrance was a serious matter. I was happy to share my thoughts, doubts and excitement and the family shared their thoughts, too, even personal comments about SSND attire!!

My baby sister's birth after I entered was a special blessing. With mother busy caring for Judy, she had little time for tears!

In 1970, I was blessed with a jubilee renewal program at our mother-house in Italy. We were privileged to see the holy places of Rome and the Vatican and attended an audience with the Holy Father. Following Rome, we visited Germany and the founding places of SSND.

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

Be open and accepting of new friends, ideas and people. Be ready to serve, care and share. Live and love with a happy heart, holding sacred all that matters to you and to community. Tell the truth as you see it.

### What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

How blessed I was in 1973 to be selected as administrator of Notre Dame of Elm Grove, our community retirement and nursing home. I am grateful for the eight years of my own personal growth and understanding of my call to be holy. Here I was privileged to care for our sisters' needs and uphold the community's reputation for service and "first-class" medical care.

### What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

From 1931-1942, I was waiting for the seed of religious life to be planted in my soul ... anxious and excited as I watched holy women who were living as SSNDs around me. This seed was nurtured by the sisters living at McDonald High School in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.