

# 2015 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

*"One does not need to have all the gifts and abilities necessary for meaningful ministry ... trust others to join you in contributing their own."*

- Mary Tacheny  
SSND

- formerly S. Mary Mark

## Mary Tacheny, SSND

70 Years

*Sister Mary's first decade in ministry was spent teaching high school in the Minnesota towns of Lismore, St. Paul and St. Michael. From 1955-1965, she served in high school administration in Cresco, Iowa, and in a similar post in Fridley, Minnesota, for the following decade. She turned her attention to social concerns, working for the Minnesota Catholic Conference from 1976-1994 and ministering to rural communities across the Mankato area through 1996. From 1996-2002, she served as director of a newly created initiative in the former Mankato Province, the Center for Earth Spirituality & Rural Ministry. Since 2002, she has devoted her days to prayer and presence at the Good Counsel Convent in Mankato. She holds a bachelor's in English from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul and a master's in education from St. Louis University.*

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

The opportunity given me in ministries that challenged me greatly. Because people believed in and supported me, I realized abilities and talents I never knew I had.

### Words of wisdom I would like to share ...

One does not need to have all the gifts and abilities necessary for meaningful ministry. Trusting others to join you in an effort, each contributing their own gifts and talents, brings joy, fulfillment and success to everyone involved.

### An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

Was when I helped rural people speak and act together more effectively to bring justice to issues concerning the land and their lives on the land.

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

I was drawn to the School Sisters of Notre Dame when I saw the joy that my SSND teachers found as they enabled us to discover our abilities.



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