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JUBILEE WISDOM

*"My three brothers laughed
and said I wouldn't last six
weeks in a convent."*

**- Maureen Murray
SSND**

- formerly S. Mary Kevin



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70 Years

Sister Maureen's first two decades in ministry were spent teaching at six Catholic schools across the Minnesota towns of St. Paul, North Mankato and Minneapolis. From 1964-1966, she served in Dickinson, North Dakota, returning to Minnesota to teach the next five years in Fridley. Following a term as a provincial councilor in Mankato, she worked in spiritual direction and as a collegiate press editor, in Bird Island and Winona, respectively. From 1979-1987, she served as provincial leader of the former Mankato Province. She ministered in public relations in Winona and St. Paul from 1988-1998. Beginning in 1992, she served in spiritual direction in St. Paul. Since 2007, she has witnessed in prayer and presence at the SSND residence there. She received a bachelor's in history from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota and a master's in English from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

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

The gift of living in community. So many holy and wise sisters were great examples for me ... Our vowed life in community, as *You Are Sent* states, "is a gift and a responsibility" and that "Christ is the center ... and the source of our unity." These sisters helped me recognize that community life is sometimes a struggle, and at times there is need for forgiveness and for reconciliation.

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

A prayer composed by a deceased Franciscan, Sister Jose Hobday, has touched my life deeply. It reads, in part:

*"O Great God, You have created me
and everything around me with a sense of mystery.
I now step into that mystery and put my arms around it.
Help me to accept the things that I do not and cannot understand.
May my encounter with them bring me nearer to You
and closer to living a holy life."*

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

I attended the General Chapter in Rome when the final writing of *You Are Sent* was approved. I was privileged to be a member of the English writing committee. We met very frequently with the German writing committee, working diligently to find words in both languages which conveyed the same meaning. I grew in appreciation for a different culture. We would meet, share what we had written, discuss, explain, and sometimes argue before we could reach consensus. When it was presented to the delegates there was further dialogue. After it was approved, I knew in a clear way that the Holy Spirit had been gently at work with us through the whole process.