

# 2015 Jubilee



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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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**- Ruth Hollenbach  
SSND**

*- formerly S. Mary William*

## Ruth Hollenbach, SSND

*70 Years*

*Sister Ruth's early ministries in teaching took her to the Missouri cities of St. Louis and Jefferson City, as well as to Conway, Arkansas. From 1967-1978, she served as a professor and administrator at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan. She returned to a six-year assignment as director of the Maria Center in St. Louis, followed by three years in special education. She worked in administration at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee from 1987-1995. She returned to St. Louis, working as a food services director for nine years. She continued part-time ministries for the SSND of the Theresa Center at the Sancta Maria in Ripa campus. She received a bachelor's in chemistry from Webster College in St. Louis and both a master's and doctorate in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.*

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

I have never doubted that my passion for learning and my desire to be a teacher were God's special blessing for me. To have spent 70 years of my life, from age five to 75, actively engaged in education, has been truly gift, fulfillment and happiness, and I am full of gratitude.

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

Most meaningful and rewarding in my 70 years of ministry was all those persons who became a part of my life, and who so immensely enriched my life ... family, classmates, teachers, students, co-ministers, authors of books, countless friends and SSNDs.

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

From 1st grade through high school, all my teachers were SSNDs; it was their proficiency as teachers, their happiness and their evident joy in community that attracted me.