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## JUBILEE WISDOM

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ister Carmen began her decades of ministry as a high school teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota. Between 1942-1964, she taught in both grade and high schools in the Minnesota cities of Lonsdale, St. Paul, Lismore, St. Michael, Wabasso and Hokah; in the North Dakota towns of New England and Strasburg; in New Haven, Iowa; and in Chewelah, Washington. She accepted a call to Gilbertville, Iowa, serving two years as a teacher and administrator. Following a yearlong campus ministry assignment in Mankato, she served in Dickinson, North Dakota, as a teacher and administrator from 1967-1972. Returning to Minnesota in 1973, she served at Loyalty High School for six years, followed by a six-year assignment at Fridley's Grace High School. From 1985-1995, she served on staff at the Good Counsel Education Center in Mankato. Beginning that year, she devoted 12 years as a library volunteer at Mankato's Good Counsel *Convent.* She continues to reside there, ministering by her prayer and presence. She earned a bachelor's in English from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a master's in education from the University of St. Thomas, also in St. Paul.

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

The longer I live in religious life the stronger I feel God's love for me. God has never let me down.

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

The more Jubilees I've celebrated, the more I realize the support of community life.

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

When I was appointed to be assistant principal at our new Totino-Grace High School.

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

Education — I knew I didn't want to be a nurse but teaching applied to me.