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75 Years

Sister Laura served as a teacher for 33 years across numerous towns in Minnesota and Washington: Lismore, Comfrey, Mankato, Clara City, New Market, and St. Paul in Minnesota, and Spokane, Clarkston, Colton and Chewelah in Washington. She moved to North Dakota, teaching four years in Dickinson and serving two years in administration in New England. From 1979-1989, she served in administration at Don Bosco High School in Gilbertville, Iowa. Returning to Mankato, she continued serving in both parish ministries and ministering to the SSND congregation in roles including a medical claims assistant and bookkeeper. She has devoted herself to prayer and presence at the Good Counsel Convent in Mankato since early 2007. She holds a bachelor's in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in mathematics from the University of Detroit.

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

God's call, fidelity and grace gave me the courage and strength to obey the many changes that were asked of me in my life. I felt we were never sure what we were going to be asked to do, and that with God's grace, we could do it.

Words of wisdom I would like to share ...

That we would/should accept what comes!

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

I have experienced many changes in my places of ministry. There were sudden moves: for example, coming back from a Christmas home visit and being sent to Washington State; coming home at noon and being sent to a new place, never going back to the old classroom. I have taught ALL grades from 1st through college. I was a math teacher.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

The SSNDs in my grade school at St. Leo, Minnesota, were what drew me to follow their footsteps. They were so gracious and helpful. Entering the convent seemed like the next logical step.