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JUBILEE WISDOM

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75 Years

Sister Margareta began her ministry as a teacher in Minnesota. The first two decades of her service took her to Mankato, Winona, St. Paul and Wabasha. During these years she also served a three-year assignment in New England, North Dakota. In 1959, she began an era of cogregational ministry, first as formation director at Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy followed by six years as provincial councilor, both in Mankato. She returned to teaching high school for more than two decades beginning in 1971, serving again in St. Paul as well as the cities of Dickinson, North Dakota; Gilbertville, Iowa; Rochester, Winona and Mankato, Minnesota. Following a yearlong volunteer role in Spearfish, South Dakota, Sister Margareta moved for a final time back to Mankato in 1995, where through 2002 she volunteered for the Good Counsel Education Center, then commenced with her retirement ministry as a prayer witness at Good Counsel Convent. She earned a bachelor's of social science from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a master's of history from Creighton University in Omaha.

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

I've had many friends, including students, who have shown great loyalty. Never a dull moment! I've had good health, and was blessed with much stamina during the years when faced with dealing with many sisters who were leaving the Order ... I had great help and support during difficult times.

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

To be deeply grateful to God for his multitude of blessings, especially in difficult times.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

Was working with many sisters and other people over the years. Also especially meaningful was working with students who wanted to learn. Already in 4th grade, I knew I wanted to be a teacher because my teacher was so wonderful.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

My aunt, Sister Mary Ann Neudecker, SSND, who was always so happy.