

2016 Jubilee



First Profession
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60 Years

Sister Mary Jacqueline spent one year as a high school teacher in Chicago after her first profession of vows in 1956. She served at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee from 1957 until 1975 as a faculty member, alumnae director and dean of students. She was the provincial leader of the former Milwaukee Province and then served as a member of the general council in Rome, Italy. She had a short sabbatical after returning to the United States in 1993 and then did a one-year project for the School Sisters of Notre Dame's former North American Major Area. She was the associate director and began the Mission Effectiveness/Integration Office for the former Milwaukee Province before spending one year as coordinator of hospitality at the provincialate of the former Dallas Province. She is retired and currently does volunteer ministry and lives in community in Milwaukee. Sister Mary Jacqueline earned a bachelor's in dietetics from Mount Mary University in Milwaukee and a master's in child development from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Experience I would like to share...

In this diamond jubilee year, two words come to mind: love and gratitude. My 60 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame is one rolling experience of God's love; love that is tender, tough, challenging, embracing, confining, caressing and awesome, but always love in its many varied forms. Mary's words, "Do whatever he tells you," finally became mine when I gave into the Hound of Heaven and entered and was accepted by the School Sisters of Notre Dame on November 1, 1954, the Marian Year proclaimed by Pope Pius XII. God's plans for me have been more than I could have ever imagined. Each "obedience" assignment prepared me for the next one. To select one experience would be like pulling a stitch out of a beautifully knitted garment. God is still working with me and the best is yet to come. A summary of my 60 years is a paraphrase of *You Are Sent*: Awed by the mystery of God's action in my life, I gratefully celebrate my 60 years and the days to come.