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JUBILEE WISDOM

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**-Miriam Thomas
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50 Years

Sister *Miriam Thomas* ministered as an educator for 20 years at elementary and secondary schools in Michigan and Wisconsin. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in biology from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee and a Master of Science degree with a major in education from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne. Upon leaving teaching, she worked as a staff member at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Wisconsin and as a volunteer in multiple ministries. In retirement, she continues to serve by volunteering and through prayer and presence.

A blessing of these years is God's constant calling me each day through the gifts of community and Eucharist. You Are Sent (SSND Constitution and General Directory) is a tremendous gift that has shaped my life.

The wisdom I would like to share is

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I cannot pinpoint any one thing that drew me

to the School Sisters of Notre Dame. I just knew this was the congregation I wanted to join.

An especially meaningful time for me

was when I ministered at Milwaukee Spectrum, an alternative high school established by SSND. These girls were special. They were in need of someone to show them that they were loved and respected. They truly responded to that and I saw a lot of growth in them.

Most people only think

of School Sisters of Notre Dame as teachers in schools located here in North America but we are more than that. We are an international community, serving in more than 30 countries around the world. We are all bound together under one rule of life: You Are Sent.



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