2025 Jubilee









With the exception of a single ministry in Illinois, Sister Julie Wambach has lived and served her home state of Wisconsin for her entire ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND). It was her initial ministry, which took her out of Wisconsin, as she began her first of many years as an educator. Sister Julie professed first vows in July of 1950, and by August was teaching at the primary level for St. Michael School in Chicago. She stayed on six years at St. Michael before launching into a continuous series of roles for

schools in Wisconsin in the communities of Elm Grove, Milwaukee, Burlington, Marinette, Appleton, Brookfield and Okauchee. Oftentimes, these ministries were dual roles, and Sister Julie served as both a teacher and administrator. In 1998, she shifted focus slightly, and spent a year as a substitute teacher for multiple schools throughout Milwaukee and then spent the year after that as a member of the school services staff for St. Anthony in Milwaukee. In 2000, she moved to Marshfield, Wisconsin, and took on a part-time teaching position at Our Lady of Peace. From 2002-2004, she served as a tutor and teacher for St. John Baptist in Marshfield. 2004 brought an opportunity for her to revisit her past experience as an administrator when she became a part-time assistant principal for both Our Lady of Peace and St. John Baptist. She continued on with this dual role for six years. Since 2010, she continues to call Marshfield home, reaching out and offering her time and talents to the people in her local community.

Please share a brief reflection on a ministry experience that was especially meaningful to you and why.

As a young sister, I was in Chicago and we had several German, Italian and Native American families, as well as many European immigrants. It was near the end of World War II and their stories and experiences in war-torn Europe were shared by the students and their parents.

In a word or phrase, describe your experience as a SSND.

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