

Sister Jeannette Blatz, SSND – 70 Year Jubilee!



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Sister Jeannette brought adaptability, leadership and wisdom with her to every challenge, whether leading the Wilton Province in reconfiguration with Baltimore, helping establish the SSND Educational Center in New York, or in any of her teaching or administrative ministries. Here are a few thoughts as she reflects on 70 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame:

In the beginning ...

My father was determined that his girls receive a Catholic education, and that led me to the SSND Juniorate in Fort Lee.

I was very excited to start at the Juniorate and my family supported the idea.

In ministry ...

Teaching was filled with going out to ministries and being introduced to new ways. Of course, there were some setbacks.

My mother's motto, If you have to do it, figure out a way to do it! became my motto, too.

As a leader ...

I used my gifts and prioritized needs.

I knew things had to loosen up, and we needed to become more open to change.

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This was especially true when I was principal at inner-city Kolbe High in Bridgeport.

Sharing wisdom ...

The bit of wisdom I wish to share is: Adapt to the needs and situations. Do great things with little.



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