

Sister Allyn Marie Horton, SSND - 50 Year Jubilee!



What is Jubilee? Jubilee is a moment in a life, a time to reflect with gratitude and amazement, to recommit with a deeper awareness and to look forward with joy and hope.

On July 25, 1970 when I vowed to be faithful to God as an SSND, my awareness of God's love and fidelity was limited. My experience of a faithful and loving God grew as I journeyed over the years with many people in various ministries and communities. Sharing Christ's mission greatly enriched my life – so much so I sometimes wondered if my sharing was as beneficial to others as it was enriching to me!

As I reflect on these past 50 years, there were times of joy and sadness, struggles and bumbles. Yet through it all, God was patiently loving me, calling me to grow and becoming a Friend. As I celebrate this year of Jubilee, I relish the time to continue deepening my awareness of God's presence and love while continuing to share that with others.

Looking forward, I don't know all the future will hold just as I didn't know the future 50 years ago. I do know active ministry will transform into the mission of being. I am more aware and certain that my Friend God will be there in multiple ways calling me to grow, love and serve with joy and hope. How do I respond to that? To paraphrase Brendan Manning, It is in truly living that I give thanks to a faithful, loving God Friend and no other thanks can ever be adequate.