

Sister Katharine Reiter, SSND - 80 Year Jubilee!



*"So as a School Sister,
I have been abundantly blessed indeed"*

"O Holy Spirit, enlighten us, strengthen us, so that we may comprehend our divine call and recognize what we are, what we should be, what we must and really want to do in order to reach this goal."

Trust and Dare Words for Each Day, June 1

From her early teenage years Sister Katharine felt a calling to the School Sisters of Notre Dame. In her reflection of her 80 years as an SSND she wrote, "At age 15, I was invited by my cousins to enter the Ursalines with them. I had other ideas. One of my older sisters had entered SSND and I wanted to do the same. I have not regretted that decision in all my eighty years as a School Sister of Notre Dame."

After taking her vows, Sister Katharine began ministry as a student at Notre Dame Academy in Waterdown and Hamilton Teachers College before she began her ministry as an elementary and junior high teacher for 33 years at 12 different schools in Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Alberta. In 1972 she furthered her education entering Saskatchewan University. Sister Katharine then served for a year as part of the staff for the Community Institution at Notre Dame Village in St. Agatha, ON. She returned to teaching for five years at St. Mary in Owen Sound, ON. In 1978 Sister Katharine served as a Pastoral Associate at St. Peter Parish in Unity, SK. For six years from 1983 to 1985 Sister Katharine returned to the Notre Dame Motherhouse in Waterdown where she served alternatively as Director of Archive/Heritage and Director of Communications. Sister Katharine took two years of sabbatical and personal renewal at the Galilee Renewal Program and the School of Art-Ottawa before returning to parish life for 17 years at Sacred Heart in Sioux Narrows, ON. In 2008 Sister Katharine retired to a life of prayer, presence and volunteer ministry at Waterdown.

Of her service she wrote, "What a joy it has been to teach for 33 years, to serve as parish assistant after retiring from teaching, and even become a parish administrator in a small community in North Western Ontario. Those 17 years were a delight. Here, too, I had contact with some of our Indigenous People whom I found to be very spiritual."