

# *Sister Rosalie Reitzel, SSND - 75 Year Jubilee!*



## *"Resurrection is on the way"*

“The Best Thing About Being an SSND”

The past few years, now in my 90s, I've been considering my goal to be “Resurrection.” Reading Richard Rohr's words of wisdom put me in this direction. I continually thank God for calling me to be an SSND where I have found this deep desire. Through our General Chapter Directional Statements and follow-ups in local Assemblies we are constantly called to a deeper spirituality of “oneness in the Trinity, among ourselves and oneness with the universe.” Resurrection is on the way.

Having been called and chosen by our loving God to Notre Dame has directed me into teaching for which I am forever grateful. It was my Grade 3 teacher, Sister Helen Shwan, who inspired my vocation, a woman who glowed with peace, joy and love inspiring my classroom years also. After teaching primary classes in Cambridge, Ontario for 8 years, as well as preparing them for First Communion, I was missioned to be Primary Consultant and Religion Consultant up to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in the 10 Kitchener Separate Schools.

My next challenge was to be Principal with half time teaching in Grade 8. Here too, I experienced, God's gracious blessings for three years. Then came the call for my longed-for opportunity to teach in England where I used my God-given gifts in the Senior School, Lingfield, Surrey. Because Scottish history was on my agenda, I arranged to take some 40 third form students to the significant historic areas on a round trip of Scotland. The tour was a treat for the students and guides.

While teaching in England, a yearly trip to Europe was offered in turn as a summer holiday. What a pleasure it was to visit Rome, Munich, Paris – to name just a few.

During my Sabbatical year in London, a trip to the Holy Land was an important part. Our ride on the boat on the Sea of Galilee was a gratifying experience as were many others.

There were many other “Best Things” but I must stop here.