

Sister Patrice Geppi, SSND - 60 Year Jubilee!



As Sister Patrice reflects on her sixty years of ministry, she recalls her favorite ministry serving as guidance counselor to high school and college students and with Catholic Charities' recipients in Baltimore. She ministered for nearly twenty years in parochial high schools in Penn., Md. and Mass. One of her greatest gifts was living in community with SSND Associate Mary Arnold. She notes that her sister was a Grace from God.

Sister Patrice describes her "woven tapestry of life" beginning with her entrance into the SSND in 1959, after serving as secretary to the president of the Notre Dame of Maryland University. She professed first vows in July 1959. Over six decades, Sister Patrice ministered as a teacher, guidance counselor and director. At Catholic Charities, she served as caseworker, manager, and counselor. Two retreats she took provided inspiration, one at the House of Prayer for renewal. She found the retreat at Emmaus House wonderful and insightful and wrote a book about her bout with her depression. She fondly remembers her travel by car across the country in six weeks. She confides that it has been a challenging and adventurous journey. Currently she is writing a book of poetry.



Sister Patrice is a Baltimore native, one of four daughters to parents, Concetta Cascio and John, also Baltimore born. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1964 from Notre Dame of Maryland University and a Master of Education in Counseling from the University of Maryland College Park in 1973.