

*Sister Mary Elizabeth Orr, SSND - 70 Year Jubilee!*



*May all that I am and all that I do, bring glory to God and good to all creation.*

*What speaks to you as you try to capture the depths of your experiences as an apostolic woman religious over the last seventy years?*

How happy I am as I recall the experiences of having moments or making memories as I have tried to live my life with a growing awareness of God's divine presence alive and active in me. I know it is my trust in God, in my family and my SSND community that has helped me to move from some dark moments in my life to joy, gratitude and peace. As Pope Francis says, "Joy springs from a grateful heart."

As I try to en flesh the Directional Statement of the 24th General Chapter - 'Love Gives Everything' - may I be open, receptive and responsive to God's plan for me at this phase of my life. May all that I am and all that I do, bring glory to God and good to all creation.

*Elizabeth Helen Orr is one of seven daughters and two sons born to Baltimore-natives, Marie Mullen and Nelson Orr, on April 9, 1929. She entered the congregation in Baltimore in 1947 and professed first vows in 1950. Since 1948, Sister Elizabeth has been ministering as a teacher and principal for four decades in Catholic schools in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas, Florida and New York. In 2009, she served as assistant superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Loreda in Texas, and in 2012, as director of religious ministries at St. Clements in Lansdowne, Maryland. She now ministers in prayer and presence at Villa Assumpta.*