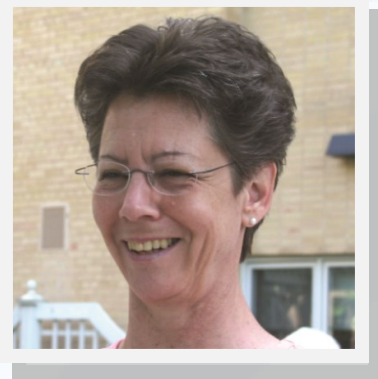


Sister Maxine Poppa, SSND - 50 Year Jubilee!



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This is much like my religious life has been, full of color with varying shades of light and at times darkness. Both are necessary.

The light shining through the glass is God, bright, penetrating, giving life. In my religious life I have experienced God as this Light, loving, warm, and penetrating.

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I have learned through my vows in religious life, the ways God wants to shed God's light and my light for others through the many ministries I have been involved in, from birth to death and all stages in between.

I am grateful to God and SSND for the past 50 years. This broken vessel has held many treasures both for myself and for others.

My life of faith has been both a gift and a giving in community, where I have learned trust, openness, sincerity, forgiveness and humility and that "Gods power is at its best in weakness." YAS Con. #37

