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When I reflect on my years as a young member of the community, I never expected to be able to choose where and with whom I would live. More significant, perhaps, is that now I am able to choose my ministry, both what I do and where I do it. However, I truly believed and still do believe that both the what and the where of my ministry were truly God's will for me, and that God would give me the graces I needed, and He always did! When the changes arrived, I was always grateful when I remained where I had been. When I was changed, especially when I was asked to teach something I felt unprepared to teach, I believed, truly believed, that it was God's will for me, and that he would give me the grace for what He asked, and He always did and still does give me that grace.

"Teach me, Lord, to do your will" has been and continues to be a special prayer for me. Another one of my sustaining prayers is "In God's will is my peace." Doing what I believe is God's will for me has given me and continues to give me peace. My hope now in my last days is that I have done and am doing God's will.

Transcending everything is my personal relationship with God. My heart is filled with peace and gratitude for His overwhelming goodness to me.