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In the 1950's I never expected that members would discern with appropriate persons on how to respond to needs and then apply for their positions. We not only need to recognize and use our gifts, but we have to look at the needs of the people of God and determine how we are being called to serve. We are a voice for those who have no rights and are called to confront injustice in the political and economic arenas.

I am in awe at the many ways we share God's love in service to others. Never did I think we would be involved in such a multitude of social justice issues in order to enable all to be in right relationships with each other and with God.

Also, today we have a voice in the discernment process for the ministry of leadership and for setting goals and planning for the future as we collectively decide how we are called to live out the mission of Jesus.

As I strive to live the gospel message of love many things give me joy and sustain me. These include:  
Being a member of a Eucharistic community whose charism is unity and reconciliation and who work for all to become one.

The beauty of the earth

Knowing all are loved unconditionally by God

Being able to serve others

Seeing the face of God in each person I meet and the varied ways they live God's love.

The way God graces my life and the lives of others each day.

The support of friends

What a joy to be a Sister of St. Joseph!!!