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Do Not Forget What Your Eyes Have Seen

presented by Shirley Miller, RSCJ

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With her beautiful photos and thoughtful personal reflections, Sister Shirley Miller, RSCJ, explores the beauty of God's love in nature and in all creation. She reflects, "Photography is a way of praying, of 'witnessing the wonder.' The camera provides an opening into the eternal for me, a lifting of the veil, the long view, the up close, the panorama.... The sacredness of creation overflows everywhere; the barren tree against the winter sky, the morning dew on a dandelion, the red cardinal resting on a moss-covered branch, the eagle soaring high above the trees, the morning star in the dark sky, the great blue heron standing erect at the sea's edge. The camera helps me understand the connectedness of all creation and my part in it. Photography is a way for me to experience God's immaculate conception of the world – all is holy and all is sacred. My response can only be 'gratefulness for witnessing the wonder' (Abraham Heschel).

In her recently published book, <u>Do Not Forget What Your Eyes Have Seen</u>, Sr. Miller explains "These photos and reflections are part of my journey from childhood to old age, of fifty-five years as a Religious of the Sacred Heart, forty of those as a teacher and administrator in three Sacred Heart Schools - Woodlands Academy in Lake Forest, Illinois, Duchesne Academy in Omaha, and the Academy of the Sacred Heart, the Rosary, in New Orleans – and in the past fifteen years in the mission advancement office for the Society of the Sacred Heart in Saint Louis. I am deeply grateful for the people I have met along the road, for the Society of the Sacred Heart, for the places I have seen, for the relationships that have transformed my life, for my family who has loved and encouraged me and for our faithful God who has led me through the peaks and valleys, storms and calm, encouraging me always, to 'Not to forget what my eyes have seen.'"

NOTE: Sr. Miller's book, <u>Do Not Forget What You Have Seen</u> is available for purchase on Amazon.