



OBITUARY NOTICE



SISTER MADELEINE LORD (*JULES-MARCEL*)

Entered eternal life on August 1, 2021
At the age of 86
and 66 years of religious life.

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Gifted with a natural talent for music, between private classes, Sister Madeleine Lord often spends long moments of silence alone, during which she encounters God. This spiritual experience gives her the conviction that God is always with her and leads her to experience the words of Saint Teresa of Avila: "God alone is enough".

The fourth of eight children, Sister Madeleine is born on October 12, 1934 in Shawinigan. She has a happy childhood surrounded by the love of her parents, Donatien Lord, a welder and welding teacher, and Anita Pellerin, a mother who is devoted to her family, and by her four brothers and three sisters who formed a close-knit family of which she often speaks with tenderness.

Her parents, having discovered that Madeleine had a perfect ear, enroll her in piano lessons at the age of 9. Music accompanies her all her life. From 1959 to 1974, Sr. Madeleine deepens her musical knowledge. She obtains a Bachelor's degree in music, a Master's degree in piano and a diploma in Gregorian chant. She continues part-time studies until 1998.

For forty-one years, she uses her musical talent to teach private lessons or in classrooms at the Marguerite d'Youville College music school in Hull, at the École Normale of Our Lady of Lourdes in Ville-Marie, at St-Joseph Convent in Wrightville, at our Lady of Mercy Convent in Aylmer and at St-Joseph College in Hull.

Her liturgical animation and her accompaniment on the organ are much appreciated wherever she is sent on mission. A member of St-Paul church choir in Aylmer, Mr. Réjean Fournier, left us this testimony which he had given to Sr. Madeleine when she left Aylmer:

"Today, it is time to say goodbye after 18 years of volunteer service as organist at Sunday mass. I will always be embalmed by your musical presence... The beautiful memories of our past relationship will permeate my present life and my future life as a teacher and singer. Wherever you are, I know you will bring joy, peace, love, a

taste for beauty, forgiveness, the presence of God, faith, perseverance and the richness of spiritual happiness through and in music."

Sr. Madeleine has always been a happy consecrated woman. In her personal notes she writes; *"I share many happy days with all the Sisters of the house who are like big sisters to me."* On her 40th anniversary of religious profession, she leaves these words to her fellow companions: *"I have had such joyful moments and also lived through difficult times. The community life, the deep friendships, the affection of the students and their parents, all these have often helped me to move forward. "*

Sister Madeleine entrusts us with this song that she composed herself in 1980:

*Lord Jesus, You know how much I love you.
You are my peace, my hope and my joy.
Lord Jesus, you know how much I love you
Stay with me, I only want to be Yours.*

*Lord Jesus, you are all tenderness.
You shower me with your goodness so generously
Praised be You, Jesus, my Beloved
for keeping me in your faithfulness.*

The Sacred Heart of Jesus was at the Center of her life. Sr. Madeleine remembers the 12 promises made by the Sacred Heart to Saint Margaret Mary. No matter where she was sent, she always moved with the large painting of the Sacred Heart given by her Aunt Margot at her Silver Jubilee.

Following the example of Saint Teresa of Avila, Sister Madeleine repeated until her last breath: **God, you alone are enough for me!** Her trust in God kept her in a great abandonment to God's will throughout her whole life, especially during her battle with cancer. Sister Madeleine went through the twists and turns of life, relying on her three treasures: God, her congregation, and her family.

Sister Madeleine, may you enter into the joy of your Lord. The memory of your kindness and your musical talent at our service will always remain with us.

