



Dear Sisters,

On June 16, 2022, at 7:00AM in the DM Community – York (Toronto – Canada) the Lord called to himself definitively our sister

**SR. M. IMMACULÉE – OLIVETTE FOURNIER
born on June 8, 1936, in Barnston, Coaticook (Québec – Canada).**

Carried to the baptismal font on the day of her birth, Olivette is the firstborn of four children. In narrating her vocational story, she recalled that her parents were practicing Catholics, with a religiosity that was simple and sincere. Her father was a farmer who taught her the love of nature, developing an uncommon sensitivity for the rhythm of a tranquil and harmonious lifestyle. She attended a boarding school run by religious sisters. The admiration for them gradually stirred within her the desire to live like them. When she discovered that one of her classmates entered with the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master, she went to visit her. In this religious family she discovered that there is the perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and that the mission is to assist priests. She was struck and decided to follow their example, strongly attracted by the life of prayer. With her father's permission, she entered the Congregation in Sherbrooke on Saturday, January 14, 1956.

Upon completion of the initial formation, she made her religious profession on April 21, 1958, in Montréal DM, and her perpetual profession on April 21, 1963, always in Montréal.

The years of her consecrated life were spent in various communities of the Delegation of Canada, assuming various roles: first in the shipping office for the liturgical magazine "La Vie en Christ" and then in the sewing workrooms, where she was able to utilize her talent for creative precision and where she found the most suitable environment for her reserved and taciturn character. She greatly appreciated the contemplative dimension of our vocation and cultivated the desire for the prayer of adoration and of silence.

A woman of particular sensitivity and subject to physical frailty, she spent a long period of time struggling to discover her vocation. For this reason she requested, and obtained, permission for exclaustation (1976 – 1980). Thus she also accompanied

her elderly parents until the end of their lives, integrating her vocational search with charity and the care of her loved ones.

Good and hospitable, upon her return to the community, she continued to offer her contribution to the Liturgical Apostolate in the sewing of vestments and fraternal service. The support of the daily Eucharistic Adoration, the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom she always had a special devotion, were for her the sources of serenity and peace each day.

With the passage of time, her physical health progressively declined. Despite her frailty, she spent her last days in peace, accepting the trial in adhesion to the will of God who purifies us like gold in the crucible. In the first hours of the day, she concluded her earthly pilgrimage due to a heart attack, surprising the sisters of the community who were caring for her.

Dear Sr. M. Immaculée, you are now welcomed by the Virgin Mother of God, continue to pray for the persons who were closest to your heart: the priests - that they may be holy, salt of the earth and light of the world.

Sr. M. Michaela Moneth'