



Dear Sisters,

On the solemnity of the Blessed Trinity, Sunday, June 4, 2023, in the hospital of Rosemont *Maisonneuve* in Montréal (Canada), our sister was called to definitively enter into the communion of the love of the Trinity:

**SR. M. PIERRETTE - MARIE CECILE ANNA LANDRY**  
**Born on January 11, 1946 in Montréal (Canada).**

She received the sacrament of Baptism two days after her birth, on January 13, Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, in the parish of *Sainte Cecile*, due to the fragility of her health, and she was consecrated to the Virgin Mary. She is the third of a beautiful and large family of 7 children. Her parents, Wilfrid e Dubuc Yvette, concerned themselves with providing their children a solid education in the faith through their witness of life and their teaching. The Rosary was recited daily as a family and they took time for prayer. *“We were a happy and united family”*, she attests in her brief vocational story. Every Marian feast was celebrated with greater solemnity. *«I made my first communion on April 25, 1952, and gave my heart to Jesus for my entire life. Since I lived near the church of Saint Cecilia and the Sisters of the Holy Cross, I went there often. The same day I also received the sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of Cardinal Paul-Emile Leger and I cannot forget his penetrating gaze, and I told myself that one day I, too, would ascend to the altar»*. At eight years of age, she underwent a difficult operation on the eyes, with the risk of blindness, and she states that she promised Jesus that, if she retained her sight, *“I will contemplate you for my entire life”*. She never missed the opportunity to join in Eucharistic adoration with her parents and with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Her aunts, religious sisters, invited her to join them in the consecrated life. But her encounter with Sr. M. Cecilia Bianchi, Pious Disciple, was decisive for the choice of the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master. Thus, when at the age of eighteen she manifested the desire to follow Jesus Master, she was able to do so with the support and encouragement of her dear parents. She entered the Congregation in Montréal, Canada, on January 4, 1964 and completed her formative journey there. Following the regular novitiate, she made her religious profession on March 25, 1966, and the perpetual profession on March 25, 1972. She began her apostolic life working in the distribution of the magazine, *La Vie*, a periodical on liturgical formation in French, which, in the English version, was entitled *Life*. From 1970 she was responsible for the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Toronto (York).

During Christmas of 1976, she received a letter from Mother M. Scolastica Rivata. *«May the Divine Master bless you in all of your duties and needs. In faith and love may he grant you the grace to enrich you with merits for Heaven. I am content that you entrust yourself to my poor prayers and, in reality, every day I entrust you to God that he may make you holy. May he bless your apostolates and grant your community perfect harmony in mutual charity and an incessant love for him, our Master, Savior and God of infinite Charity».*

Her service alternated in the responsibility or collaboration in the Liturgical Apostolate Centers or in the area of finance. From 1991 to 2004 she was the treasurer of the delegation, thanks also to her preparation in the area of business and her experience of working at I.B.M. before entering the Institute. In a letter to the Superior General, she expressed her gratitude for the trust placed in her: *«Allow me to thank you for the great confidence in entrusting me with the responsibility to care for the temporal goods of the Canadian Delegation. I do it with a great spirit of faith and certain of the help of God. By myself I can do nothing, but with God everything is possible, as St. Paul reminds me. It is with this trust that I accept to give my energies so that our mission in the Congregation and in the Church may become ever more a living spring for the men and women of today, of tomorrow, that they may come ever closer to Jesus Master Way and Truth and Life»* (Montréal, April 12, 2000).

Recently she wrote to Sr. M. Micaela Monetti, Superior General, manifesting that which was central in her life, the love of the Eucharist: *«A thousand thanks for what you do for us and for me. I am happy: your energy and your joy gave me once again the strength to continue on my way with the eyes of Jesus. Yes, we are very precious in his eyes. He is the golden pearl and he gives us his Body and his Blood in the Eucharist every day, under the gaze of Mary Queen of the Apostles. May she always accompany you and may Jesus Master, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, bless you and fill you with his blessings. I embrace you strongly with the heart of Jesus and of Mary. With affection and love, your little sister Maria Pierrette»* (June 24, 2018).

Sr. M. Pierrette left us as the result of a pulmonary embolism. Certainly the offering of her life is a precious supplication to God for the Chapter Assembly that is just beginning! It is a supplication that now continues in Heaven!

*S. H. Paolo Hancock*