

## *Sister Chabanel Schumack, SSND - 70 Year Jubilee!*



Sister Chabanel was a devoted homemaker in the motherhouse and in convents in Kitchener, Mildmay, Formosa and St. Catharines, Ontario. In 1956, she moved to her home province of Saskatchewan, living in Handel and later in Wilkie. She enjoyed visiting the infirm in hospitals and the elderly in nursing homes. She helped the Catholic Women's League catering for funerals and other parish events.

Whenever she had the opportunity, she attended workshops on spirituality. From 1961-1965, Sister Chabanel was in Cloverdale, British Columbia. Here she supervised school children at noon hour.

On her return to Waterdown, she assisted with nursing care in the infirmary for several years. Her kind, gentle approach offered comfort to the sisters.

In 1979, Sister Chabanel moved back to Wilkie where she served as a devoted homemaker and was famous for her delicious borscht soup. After a short four years, Sister returned to Ontario. In 1988, she retired to the motherhouse in Waterdown where she helped in the Marian community attending to the personal needs of the senior sisters and assisting in the dining room.

Sister Chabanel was very conscientious, always kind and attentive to others. As a homemaker she provided nutritious and tasty meals and performed other household tasks, which were greatly appreciated by the members of her community.

Sister Chabanel credits our Lady with leading her to Notre Dame. Leocadia arrived in the Candidature at Waterdown along with a companion postulant on December 8, 1948. This devotion to our Lady was evident throughout her life. Sister's genuine interest in others, their families and friends reflected and still does her closeness to God. During the many years Sister Chabanel has lived at our Notre Dame Convent Waterdown, she continues in mission, directing her entire life to oneness with God through her very being, her acceptance and patience, her love and prayer. Her graciousness and attitude of gratitude brings joy and smiles to all around. Sister Chabanel truly lives the following from You Are Sent:

**Making Christ visible by our very being, by sharing our love, faith, and hope. (C#4)**

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*Leocadia Schumack was one of ten sisters and three brothers to parents, Josephine Serger from Russia, and Frank Schumack from Germany. She was born in Macklin, Saskatoon on July 27, 1926. She entered the congregation on Dec. 8 1947 in Leipzig, Saskatoon and professed first vows in Waterdown, Ontario in 1950. Over her 70 years of ministry, she served in Saskatoon, British Columbia and Ontario. She now ministers in prayer and presence at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown, Ontario.*