

Sister Carla Marie McCarville, SSND – 70 Year Jubilee!



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I was born June 28, 1934 in Waterloo Ontario. I am the oldest of three girls and the daughter of a Doctor and a Nurse - our house was busy with my father's office in part of the house. We learned quickly that silence was golden!

I learned piano from my mother; music became a very big part of my life. I even played the organ at Mass in the Notre Dame Motherhouse for several years.

My calling to enter SSND came from experiencing the Sisters as teachers. Many other people in the St. Louis Parish community also entered either the School Sisters of Notre Dame or priesthood and were inspirational to me.

I was blessed with many opportunities throughout my 70 years: I served two terms as Provincial Leader for the Canadian Province; was invited to Rome in 1980 to help prepare for the General Chapter, and stayed for two years accomplishing many tasks; and also served two terms as Local Leader at the Notre Dame Motherhouse.

Another true blessing was having my sister, Sister Audrey, with me at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown, especially in our senior years. We were able to reconnect as sisters. A new bond was created between us.

What I enjoyed most, though, was my time teaching young minds and being principal of schools. I helped develop a new educational endeavour at Christ the King elementary school in Hamilton, Ontario. The memories of these young and curious faces will stick with me forever.

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Sisters Carla (right) and Helen Schneider Walk for the Cure to raise money for breast cancer.



Sister Carla (right) with her sister, Sister Audrey