

## *Sister Gertrude Huber, SSND - 70 Year Jubilee!*



I was born on a farm in Bamberg, Ontario, Canada, the youngest of 10 children, five boys and five girls. My parents, Simon Huber and Anna Buchhitt were loving and caring parents who nurtured their family with gentle care, instilling in them a strong faith and habits of hard work. I was taught my faith by my parents since there was no Catholic school in the part of the country where we were raised.

As time went on, I met the SSNDs and gradually realized that I wanted to be one of them. When I expressed this wish to my parents they were very pleased and supported my decision.

I entered the candidature in Waterdown, Ontario on September 19, 1947 and continued my high school education until I entered the novitiate in 1948. The following year I began completing my education by taking Grade 13 in preparation for attending Teacher's College. However, that plan was interrupted when I was called to the Mother Provincial's office and told to pack a few things and that a car was waiting to take me to my first teaching experience. During the following years, I completed Grade 13 and obtained my Teaching Certificate but as I look back on that first assignment I can only say, "But for the grace of God!"

I taught and served as principal in the following years. Of all the places I served two of the most memorable were Pine Point and Fort Resolution in the North West Territories among our indigenous peoples.

Now I am enjoying retirement in Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown and have much time to reflect. The psalm I sing is always **Thank you! "Gratitude turns what we have into enough."**

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