

Sister Leona Dentinger, SSND – 75 Year Jubilee!



"I feel blessed and thankful ..."

I was born January 26, 1930 in Walkerton, Ontario. I was the sixth child of seven children born to Olivia and Albert Dentinger. I have five brothers, Eugene, Raymond, Harold, Leonard, Norman and one sister, Florence.

My mother was a housewife and my dad was stricken with asthma, but still managed to provide for the family and take good care of us all.

My oldest brother, Eugene, died from a brain tumour when he was a young boy. All of my other siblings and my parents are now deceased.

I experienced a very happy family life in this large family.

My parents were very happy when I told them I wanted to enter the Convent as a School Sister of Notre Dame. In fact, my mother's sister was a Sister of St. Joseph who resided in Cleveland, Ohio!

I began my Candidature days in 1946. I made my Final Vows in 1949.

My main mission or occupation as an SSND has been that of a housekeeper, working in the kitchen and laundry areas. *(Cont'd)*

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I lived at two convents in Kitchener, Ontario, where I was the housekeeper. The first was at Notre Dame Convent, St. Mary's, Kitchener. The second was at Notre Dame Convent, Sacred Heart, Kitchener. I also lived and worked in Galt, Ontario, at the Notre Dame Convent.

I felt a special calling in my housekeeping ministry.

I came to live at the Motherhouse, Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown, Ontario.

I feel blessed and thankful for the many years I have been a School Sister of Notre Dame.