

# Sister Marie Taylor, SSND - 80 Year Jubilee!



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As Sister Marie Taylor, SSND, celebrates 80 years of religious life, her legacy continues to influence the students who attend St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario.

Sister Marie served as the first female chaplain there. She was so devoted to her students, connecting on a personal level and guiding the advancement of their faith, that Taylor House - one of the four residence/activity houses - was named for her. Sister Marie made "foundational contributions that established the values and traditions that St. Jerome's aims to embody."

Taylor House's insignia, shown here, features a dove, which St. Jerome's says stands for Sister Marie's "encouragement of spiritual growth through all of her endeavors, past and present."



Former President Katherine Bergman said, "Sister Marie Taylor represented the School Sisters when we cut the ribbon on some new buildings. She's like a hero, so I think it's wonderful for the students, especially for the female students, to have that connection and see role models who aren't just men."

In retirement, Sister Marie took up the cause of human trafficking, serving on the Human Trafficking Committee in the former Canadian province.

"The perception was that human trafficking was international and external, that people were trafficked into Canada from Asia or Europe. We were not aware how much was happening domestically," she said. In fact, indigenous women are trafficked disproportionately.

"I am against human trafficking not only as an SSND but as a woman, a Christian; I just want the world to be better," Sister Marie said. "Everybody has a right to reach their full potential. Our responsibility is not just to reach our own potential but to help others reach their own too."