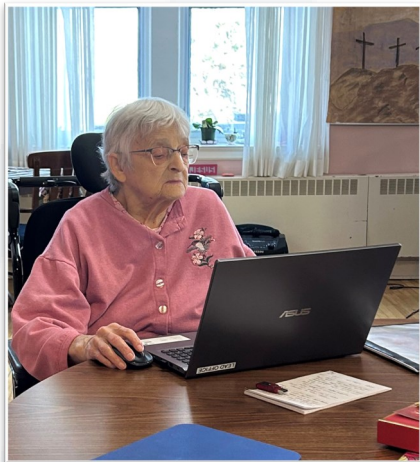


Sister Valentia Leibel, SSND – 70 Year Jubilee!



“... I have been very blessed ...”

I was born in Denzil, Saskatchewan to Anastasia and Valentine Leibel. I was the 2nd child of 14 children. My eldest brother, Norbert, encouraged me to enter religious life, but another brother, Ted, thought I should be married and have a family!

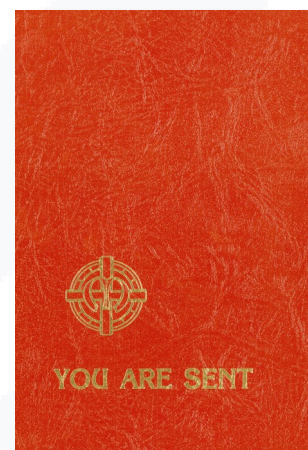
I was taught by the Ursuline Sisters but wanted to be an SSND. I came to Waterdown at the age of 17 and took my Final Vows in 1954.

Some of the things I did in religious life included:

- ❖ Helped with Vatican II – I prepared material for “Come to the Father” religion series
- ❖ Wrote articles in Prairie Messenger, later published a book: "The Heart of God"
- ❖ Helped teachers and parishioners in Western Canada
- ❖ Served on the Constitution Committee in Rome as “You Are Sent” was developed

My call to worship was inspired by my three Sister-Aunts, including two SSNDs - Sisters Petra and Josine from my Mom’s side, and one Ursuline on my Dad’s side.

Despite being torn between Ursuline and SSND, I am confident that I made the right decision. *(Cont’d)*



Sister Valentia Leibel, SSND – Cont'd

I was very active as an SSND and traveled to places I would have never seen otherwise.

Teaching is the one mission that touched my heart. I loved teaching grade school and connecting with both children and their parents.

Looking back, I feel I have been very blessed and supported by family and religious leaders.



L-R Sisters Mary Jeanne Davidson and Valentia