

*Bishop Lionel Gendron, P.S.S.
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil
to
Sister Denise Riel, SNJM*

It is with joy and gratitude that we want to emphasize in a special way Sister Denise Riel's commitment to the Church of Saint-Jean-Longueuil.

Faithful to her vocation in the community of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Sister Denise Riel taught for many years before committing herself to pastoral animation: first at *Paroisse Saint-Georges* and then at the diocesan level where she was part of the diocesan team for the Renew Program, in charge of the «youth» sector. She was then named coordinator of pastoral activities for the Christian community of *Trait d'Union*, in Paroisse Sacré-Coeur-de-Jésus in Longueuil.

Her commitment over the last eleven years has been with the organization *Chemins de Vie*. A member of the founding team, she significantly marked the life of this work of the Church as its General Director.

Wherever she was, Sister Denise Riel exercised her leadership with dynamism and generosity but above all with a deep faith and an undeniable sense of the mission.

We are hereby inaugurating Sister Denise Riel as a member of the Diocesan Order of Merit of Saint-Jean-Longueuil. We thank God for what she has accomplished and we ask the Lord to bless her, as well as the members of her family and her religious community, the people who are close to her and those who have benefitted from her presence and her dedication.

Given at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, on the fifth day of June in this year two thousand and fifteen

Lionel Gendron, P.S.S.
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Jean-Pierre Camerlain, E.V.
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