

**A Word of Gratitude, Paroisse St-Lin-Laurentides
November 20, 2011**

Dear Pastor, parishioners, friends, former students, my SNJM Sisters and Associates,

This is a day of gratitude for all of us in the community of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary who have worked in the Diocese of Joliette, and especially at Saint-Lin where we have been present for 163 years. We also want to draw attention, in a special way, to our two companions who were the last ones in this parish: Sister Réjeanne Venne, whom we remember at this Eucharist and Sister Lisette Dussault, who is present with us. It is a historic moment for us today.

To express our gratitude, I quote from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:

«I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.»

Our prayers and gratitude for your contribution to the coming of the Kingdom are made concrete in this hymn of thanksgiving:

For welcoming the SNJM's into your milieu where we were at home among you, thank you!

For the life shared with us and with which we became a beautiful large family, thank you!

For your kind help in the school and parish milieus in which we all had the same objective: to be instruments of growth for people, thank you!

For the friendships which brought about personal fulfillment and for your assurance of continual prayers, thank you!

These links which have been created with all of you remain in our hearts and are memories of the journey of Marie-Rose Durocher's daughters in this great diocese and especially in St-Lin-Laurentides.