

A Message to Sister Gisèle Lalande

50th anniversary of your arrival at Collège Durocher Saint-Lambert

Dear Gisèle,

Technology is making it possible for me to join in with all those who, this evening, are paying tribute to you. I am so happy to be with you. Gisèle, for almost fifty years, you have provided an educational presence at Collège Durocher Saint-Lambert - initially, as a mathematics teacher, then in charge of audio-visual services, and upon retirement, as a member of the administrative council of the College and a member of the Fondation Eulalie-Durocher. What can inspire such perseverance?

The first reason which comes to mind: your vision of young people. You believe in the development of each person, of each young person; you see in her, in him, the possibilities for developing her/his full potential through education. Education opens the door to each person's happiness and a wonderful future.

The second reason: your conviction that, through the transmission of values and the happy experience of taking up with others the challenge of a dream, each young person will learn to make a difference in our world.

The third reason which motivates or inspires the first two: the love which dwells in you and which is expressed through quality service, meaningful presence, and continuous support.

Dear Gisèle, the members of the provincial council join with me in thanking you for these fifty years of SNJM presence at Collège Durocher Saint-Lambert inspired by our foundress, Eulalie Durocher.

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