



Suor SIMONNE RINGUETTE

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A Marist Sister for more than 60 years, Sister Simonne Ringuette touched the hearts of many people. It is to these people that we give voice as we attempt to pay tribute to our little sister who died on 3 February 2024 in Edmundston.

Born into a large family of 16 brothers and sisters in Ste Anne de Madawaska, she was professed on 8 September 1962 at Mont Ste Marie in Edmundston.

"Her kind eyes and smile will always remain in my memory.

Really sparkling and very devoted", she was "always happy to carry out the tasks assigned to her": in the kitchen, as bursar or with the orphans at Mont Ste Marie where she served for more than 25 years!

All agreed: "She was an excellent group mother; her love of children was obvious."

"Sr Simonne and all the nuns at Mont Ste Marie played a big part in my development, and my life would be completely different if you hadn't been there," wrote one alumnus, and his brother added: "Sr Simonne was an incredible person, always ready to help. Simonne was an incredible person, always smiling and ready to help; I developed a lot of confidence under her supervision and that has served me well throughout my life".

"You were like a mother to us all.

"Thanks to you, countless children have managed to live a life of principles, service and respect.

"An active and practical woman, Simonne was above all a woman of prayer. She loved to pray and was faithful to it. I especially remember her weekly commitment to the parish prayer group. She was constant and committed: she arrived first, prepared the room, the chairs, the song books and then welcomed everyone. When everything was finished, she put everything back in order and left last. She did this for several years, week after week! It was great to see!

That was it! A fruitful life, Marist in its spirit of joyful service. Simonne or to be part of her 3 families: the Ringuettes, the Marists and her many children at Mont Ste Marie.

"Thank you, Simonne!

"Your joy, your spirit of service, your great generosity at work and your trusting prayer have wonderfully embodied the Spirit of Mary for today's world".

"Stay with us, Simonne!

"May your prayer keep us united and courageous in our mission to bring hope in solidarity with the great Marist Family. Rest well, dear Simonne!

