



SISTER CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY



SAINT JOHN, N.B. – Sister Ludovin Gallivan celebrated her 100th birthday July 22, 2018 during a eucharistic liturgy at Carmel Chapel and festive dinner at Ruth Ross Residence here. She was surrounded by other Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (SCIC), friends and family members from Fredericton, Deerville and Woodstock, N.B. as well as Boston, Mass. Father Aaron Knox presided and offered the homily.

Addressing Sister Ludovin during the liturgy, Sister Mary Beth McCurdy thanked her for “the intentional way” she “entered the renewal of religious life from the beginning.” The SCIC congregational leader added, “You re-created your ministries in colourful fashion, driving to visit the homebound, bringing communion and friendship to many.”

Originally from Deerville, Sister Ludovin was born July 17, 1918. Sisters and staff at Ruth Ross celebrated with a barbecue on her actual birthday. Sister Ludovin also received a certificate offering congratulations and blessing from the Diocese of Saint John, signed by Bishop Robert Harris.

In 1937, she entered the SCIC in Saint John, taking the name Sister Mary Cecilia. A singer and musician, she taught piano and violin in Fredericton, Johnville, Moncton, Saint John and St. Stephen, N.B., as well as Digby, N.S. She also offered cooking ministry at various SCIC missions.

Fondly known as “Sister Ludie,” she cared for girls at the former St. Patrick’s Orphanage and for elderly residents of the Mater Misericordiae Home in Saint John. From 1977-97, she offered parish ministry in Fredericton and Johnville before returning to Saint John.

Sister Ludie continues to be respected and loved for her kindness, generosity, deep faith and prayer ministry. *(Photo of Sister Ludie by Pat Poole, SCIC with statue of St. Vincent de Paul in background)*