

Tribute to Sister Simone Bastien

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Hello

My name is Yvette Martin, and I have the honour and pleasure today to pay tribute to our dear Sister Simone Bastien on behalf of the parish and on my behalf.

Sister Simone arrived in St. Boniface in the summer of 2016. As soon as she arrived, she volunteered her time at the Cathedral. Soon after, the parish was looking for a pastoral worker and so she joined the parish team.

Organization is her strength, and as a result, she leaves an organized office and files clearly labeled and complete. Thank you for your attention to detail and your conscientious dedication!

More importantly, Sister Simone knows how to make her great faith radiate in a humble way to others, especially to the children when she prepares them for the sacraments. I had the privilege of working very closely with Sister Simone in preparing school-age youth for baptism this past year. It was a real learning experience for me and a pure delight for the young people ... thanks to her pedagogical skills and her natural spontaneity in letting her heart and faith speak. This has led to active and luminous participation among the young people, proof of the sincerity and seriousness of their desire to become Christians committed to their baptism. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, their baptism will take place only later in the summer. It is a pity that you will not be able to be here, but you will surely be present in spirit and prayer. We thank you in advance.

We all know that Sister Simone loves children. It was she who thought it was important, and I would even add, who thought it was necessary to involve young people in the Eucharistic celebrations ... in particular to do the readings and the collection, to bring the offerings, to participate in the way of the cross ... among other things. I would be upset with myself if I forgot to mention that she prepared them very well and, above all, she trusted them very much, the key to this success. Young people love this participation, and they are very proud of it to say the least. Thank you for this wonderful initiative, and we promise you that it will continue.



The other day, she said to me, "I love children very much", and in the same breath she added: "And the elderly because they are like children." This is the reason why you made a difference during your stay with us.

On behalf of all the parishioners, I say thank you very much, from the bottom of my heart, for your humility, your commitment, your dedication, your trust in young people and your precious friendship. You have always been generous. We will miss you very much. However, you will be a gem for those you will meet in Montreal. Good luck in this new phase of your life.

As for me, personally, you have been like a sister to me. I love you with all my heart, and I will miss you very much.

God bless you and may the Lord's graces accompany you wherever you will be.



Sr. Simone with Roxane



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