

## Mother Julienne du Rosaire, O.P. (1911-1995)

Julienne Dallaire was born in Quebec City on May 23, 1911. Since her first communion, she feels a special attraction for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. She will continue seeking a deeper understanding of this mystery ever since. When she is twelve years old, the account of the Samaritan Woman (Jn 4:4-26) opens her to new dimensions of the mystery. She comes to realize that the “gift of God” is Jesus himself present in the Eucharist and that He is the perfect Adorer who wants to draw us into his act of adoration. This understanding rekindles in her heart the desire to be with Him, not only as an adorer, but also as a missionary to help Him find other adorers for His Father. For thirteen years she will try to become a nun, but all her attempts to enter a community will fail.



She therefore asks herself if her life hasn't just been a “web of illusions”. She gives up her desire to become a nun and accepts what she understands to be God's will: to live a life of holiness in the world. But God watches over her. Father Cyrille Labrecque, who becomes her spiritual director in 1941, confirms the authenticity of her life of union with God. On Holy Thursday, 1942, she is grasped by Christ's immense love that leads Him to create the Eucharist and to give himself to the end. “In that moment, I understood that if we honour in a special way this act of love, Our Lord will introduce us into his heart so that we may live of his own life.”

Under Father Labrecque's guidance, Julienne discerns the call to found a new religious community: The Dominican Missionary Adorers. The mission of its members is to live of Jesus' act of love always present in the Eucharist and to introduce other people to this love so that they may live of it too. The new community is founded on April 30, 1945, in Quebec City. Mother Julienne continued her mission, giving witness to the Heart of Christ present in the Eucharist, until her death on January 6, 1995.

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**QUOTATION:** “My life is ending, but only in appearance; my mission is about to begin, my mission of seeking adorers... I hope to spread throughout the world the fire of Eucharistic Love.”

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Mère Julienne du Rosaire, *Entretien aux Amis du Sacré Cœur*, 20 juin 1974, Archives DMA.

<sup>1</sup> Mère Julienne du Rosaire, *Esprit originel*, 8<sup>e</sup> conférence, 13 juin 1973, Archives DMA.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Mère Julienne du Rosaire, *Esprit originel*, 9<sup>e</sup> conférence, 20 juin 1973, Archives DMA.