

Our Centenarians in 2002

SISTER MARIE ANASTASIE LERAY

April 14, 1901 – October 21, 2002 – CANADA

Sister Marie Anastasie Leray turned 101 on the 14th of April 2002. She is French by birth and comes from Brittany. She was born at Luitre on the 14th of April 1901, baptized on the 15th of April 1901 and received her Confirmation on the 23rd of April 1923. She entered the SS.CC. Postulancy in Paris on the 14th of May 1924, and made her temporary vows on the 3rd of August 1926. In 1927 she was at Guernesey: nursing, sewing, and household work. Then to Torrelavega in 1928, where she did much the same work. 1929 was her year of Probation in Paris, and she left for Canada that same year. She is one of the first foundresses of our Congregation in Canada (Rosetown, Saskatchewan, 1929)

My strong point is 'the will of God' ... When I received my obedience for Canada right after my perpetual vows, with no hopes of returning ... When the SS.CC. Community left Rosetown due to the drought and everything had to be started all over again at Chambly in Quebec ... When a fire burned down the buildings of the Academy of the Sacred Hearts at Chambly and it became necessary to rebuild at Saint Bruno ... When I almost died after falling into a deep hole full of mud (on the construction site) and was saved by one of the workers ...

When the Community decided to leave the Academy after having worked there for many years (in order to leave room for more students) and went to live in a house in Beloeil ... When on my 101 birthday, I said to the Lord I was ready to leave and He replied to me: "Mind your own business!" ... Each time I have replied to the Lord: "MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE".

Here is my message: Each day ask the Lord to help you do his will."

Sister Anastasie Leray died in Quebec (Canada) on October 21, 2002