

## NOTICE OF DECEASE



**Sister Jeanne Bizier**  
**July 7, 1923 – November 29, 2020**

Sr. Jeanne Bizier, foundress of the Myriam Beth'lehem Family, passed away in Cap-Chat on November 29, 2020. She departed in profound peace at the age of 97, surrounded with some of her spiritual children.

Born on July 7, 1923 in St. Victor in the Beauce region, she was the twelfth child in a family of fourteen and daughter of Saluste Bizier and Marie Guenette. Apart from the 87 internal members and about 2 000 external members of the Myriam Beth'lehem family around the world, she leaves bereaved agood many nephews and nieces whom she dearly loved, as well as numerous friends and acquaintances.

Jeanne Bizier joined the Sisters Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary (SSCM) in 1939 at the age of 16 and she made her first vows in 1942. Having lived more than forty years with the SSCM Congregation, Sister Jeanne remained deeply grateful for this community that had prepared so well to her calling to found a spiritual Family born from Vatican II.

It was in January of 1979 that Sister Jeanne founded the Myriam Beth'lehem Family, a community both contemplative and missionary, in Baie-Comeau, QC. Throughout her 78 years of consecrated life, she said with joy and gratitude for her calling: « Never shall I regret surrendering to Love! »

The Myriam Beth'lehem Family has fourteen Family Homes in six different countries: Canada (in six cities in Quebec: Baie-Comeau, Quebec City, Montreal, Chicoutimi, Lac-au-Saumon and Cap-Chat, as well as in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan), Haiti (Jérémie and Port-de-Paix), Uruguay, Poland, Belgium and Russia.

We entrust ourselves to your prayer and that of the Church, so that the Lord may receive our Mother foundress and help us be faithful to the end to the charism and mission he placed into our hands.

### **The mortal remains shall be lying in state on:**

- **December 18, from 2 to 5 PM and from 7 to 9 PM:** at the Central Home of the Myriam Beth'lehem Family at *105 La Salle Blvd, Baie-Comeau QC G4Z 1R7.*
- **December 19, from 10 AM to 12 noon:** at the St. John Eudes Cathedral in Baie-Comeau at *987 Joliet Blvd, Baie-Comeau, QC G5C 1P7.*

The funeral Mass shall be presided over by the Most Reverend Jean-Pierre Blais at St. John Eudes Cathedral in Baie-Comeau, at 2 PM on Saturday December 19.

*Given the current pandemic situation and restricted availability, participation to the funerals shall be limited. For more information, please contact us by phone at 418-296-6223. The funeral Mass shall be broadcasted online. The link shall be posted on our website at [www.famillemiriam.org](http://www.famillemiriam.org)*

**Please note:** *Instead of sending flowers, you may express your sympathies by sending a Mass honorary or a donation for the missions of the Myriam Beth'lehem Family.*