



### **SR. MADELEINE MCINERNEY RIP**

Madeleine was born in December 1923 to Mary and Patrick McInerney. She came from a family of nine children, six girls and three boys and Madeleine was the last surviving member of her family. Her sister Clare and Madeleine met the Little Company of Mary together, one day when they were visiting a patient in St John's Hospital in Limerick. Unusually even for those days, they entered the congregation on the same day, the 2nd of February 1940 at Milford House, Limerick.

Both had long years of ministry in health care in Ireland and in Southern Africa. In the last years of their lives, they enjoyed living in the same community in Braemor Park Convent, Dublin. Throughout their lives both sisters remained close to their family, friends and neighbours, who visited frequently and continued the bond with each generation.

Madeleine was a woman of deep prayer. Her motto was "All for Jesus through Mary." She also had a good sense of humour. Her party piece was a delightful recitation of the poem, "Aurora Borealis".

Because of her frailty we were unsure that she would live to enjoy her hundredth birthday, which she did in style. That morning she participated in the Eucharist and later in the afternoon, together with her family, community and staff enjoyed her party and a concert.

Her death just three days later came as a surprise. Clare who had predeceased Madeleine by two years, no doubt gave her a loving welcome. Madeleine had a deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. On one occasion when she had just received Holy Communion, she was heard to say, "Thank you Lord; that is all I want." She died peacefully at 2am on the 14th of December 2023, in the loving care of the sisters and health care staff in Braemor Park Convent, Dublin. We give thanks to God for the life of Madeleine, her many gifts, her generous and kind personality. May she rest in peace.

From: Braemor Park Community.