



THE WORD LIVES

June 14, 2018

SISTER DENISE CASSIDY
DECEMBER 30, 1937—JUNE 4, 2018

Words of the Incarnate Word to
Jeanne Chézard de Matel:

*My Providence watches over you,
and my mercy will serve you
all the days of your life.
I am the Lord who governs you.
Nothing will be lacking to you.
Delight in the Lord
who is all-loving toward you,
and He will hear
your heart's request;
that is, He will heed its pleas
even beyond what
you could possibly imagine.*

Jeanne Chézard de Matel, *Autobiography*



L-R: Sr. Denise enters the Novitiate, June 1, 1957; Sr. Denise proclaiming the Word in our chapel; Sr. Denise with students at Central Catholic Elementary.

The "beautiful simplicity and gentleness of the Sisters" that attracted Anne Cassidy to the Incarnate Word Congregation in Corpus Christi in 1956 became an important part of her life as a religious. Besides more than 50 years of full-time teaching, she also ministered to children through tutoring, teaching in parish CCD programs, and doing missionary work in Arteaga, Mexico.

Sister Denise enjoyed nature walks, listening to music and books on tape, knitting, crocheting, playing Canasta with the Sisters, and communicating with her family in Ireland via e-mail, texting, and Skype. During her final months she delighted in crocheting caps for infants in hospitals.

Sr. Denise's love of the Incarnate Word, her joy in life and her enduring smile enabled her to live the advice she often gave to her students "that they have the power to be and to do anything they want if they will only put their minds and hearts to it."

In his homily at the funeral, Msgr. Michael Howell stated that Sr. Denise made each person she met feel special. Also, a friend of Sr. Denise recalled that "she was fun!" Many remember her as always with her ready smile.

Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to compose and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, and in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



The Cassidy Family



Sign at Sacred Heart Church
at her funeral

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