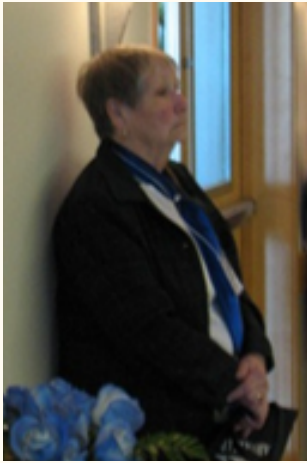


# Colleen's Message of Joy

A lovely spring morning, still cool, but the sun is warm on my face shining through my office window. May ... month of our Lady... Mary, Mother of God.



For me thinking of Mary usually brings me around to thinking of my mom. Our mothers are the teachers of the faith through word and action. I love this picture of my mom. She was always so humble, so eager to serve but not to be front and centre but consistently there in the background.

Quietly looking on when the time for work was over. I learned about faith, service, and social justice following quietly as a young child, then more boisterously as a teen, as mom worked for the church, for the Legion, for community ... feeding the elderly or the poor, helping her neighbour, giving generously to so many causes from limited income until the day she passed.



Thank you, mom! And thank you to all mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day this month. The world needs women to step up and model our Mother Mary each day to convert hearts, swell our love of neighbour, and make the world a better place.

So, as we take time in the month of May to honour and celebrate Mary by praying the Rosary, singing hymns, and participating in Crowning ceremonies, let us seek her intercession with Jesus her Son for mothers to feel powerfully the strength of faith in their lives as they navigate the many ups and downs of motherhood. Let us pray together ... Dear God, thank you for the gift of feminine genius and the unwavering love of those who Mother others. Bless all these women with strength, peace, and joy. Guide them in their roles and grant them comfort in times of need. Amen! ❤️🙏

