

# 175 SISTER PROFILES: Sister Appollonia de Jong

## **Edited Notes from Congregational Obituary**

Marie Appollonia Louise de Jong was born in West Bathurst, NB, on December 17, 1923, daughter of Jacobus Albertus de Jong of Rotterdam, Holland, and Mary Elizabeth (Bertin) de Jong of West Bathurst. She entered the Sisters of Charity at Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse, Halifax, on September 8, 1942 and became a novice with the name Sister Mary Appollonia in March, 1943. She made her first vows on April 1, 1945, and her final vows on August 15, 1951, at Mount Saint Vincent, Halifax.

**S. Appollonia was a “hands on” person, a doer, a born helper, always ready to assist others in practical ways.**



**Sister Appollonia de Jong**



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YEARS OF JOYFUL WITNESS

1849 - 2024



### **Sister Appollonia, 1960**

She liked to sew and many Sisters benefited from her willing help in hemming and mending. She could knit and crochet and her craft projects usually had the goal of helping some needy group.

**She enjoyed making her special dolls for the Children's Hospital or the missions.**

S. Appollonia brought these practical skills, her generosity and her genuine care for others to her work in the community. Her first 12 years she served as housekeeper



**Sisters Appollonia and Stella Grace Hache  
Caraquet, NB, 1966**

in convents in British Columbia and Nova Scotia. The next 13 years she was Director of Laundry at Mount Saint Vincent College and the Motherhouse. Two years at Central Buying ended her service at the Motherhouse.

From 1972 until 1988, S. Appollonia served at St. Vincent Guest House in Halifax as sacristan, with responsibility for the priests' dining room. She continued to work at St. Vincent's as a volunteer in the Activities Department until her retirement in 1995. S. Appollonia volunteered in the sewing room for



**Sisters Appollonia and Anna d'Entremont  
Caritas Residence, 2015**

retired Sisters at the Motherhouse before moving there in 1999. Her next move was in 2008 to the newly built Caritas Residence.

**A warm and loving person, S. Appollonia was an active member of the community, a dedicated and compassionate**

**Sister of Charity, who shared life with us for 75 years.**

She spoke often about her family, and they were often in her thoughts and prayers. Mass and prayer were her “big things”, one Sister commented.