

THE LEGACY OF MARGARET CATHERINE PEGGY DILLON



Born: April 3, 1939

Died: Thursday, January 23, 2020



**A Member of
Rosary Apostolate
since: 1998**

Positions held:

**Apostolic Director
Regional Director
Rosary Visitor**

Contributions:

**First Training Manual
Writing Themes &
Rosary Presentations**

Margaret Catherine Dillon Passed peacefully at North York General Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 2020, with family by her side. She was the first born in a family of 8 brothers and one sister.

Lovingly remembered by sister Jo-Anne (Stan Seggie), brothers Larry (Ruth), Michael (Marianne), Gerry, Paul and their families.

Predeceased by her parents Jim and Mary, brothers Dale, Donald, Martin and William (Barb).

Dearly missed Auntie Peggy to her many nieces and nephews and all those who knew and

loved her. Peggy was a teacher and speech therapist with Metropolitan Separate School Board, an active and faithful parishioner of St. Timothy's Catholic Church and a lifelong associate of the Carmelite Sisters.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Timothy's Catholic Church on Tuesday, January 28th, 2020, at 11:00 am.



Her Legacy:

Peggy joined the Rosary Apostolate in 1998, the second year the program was launched into the schools. She was recruited by another retired Metropolitan Separate School Board (TCDSB) teacher, Victoria (Vicky) De Marco and became part of the first group of retired teachers to offer their time to pray with individual classrooms on a monthly basis. She immediately said "Yes" to Our Ladies call.

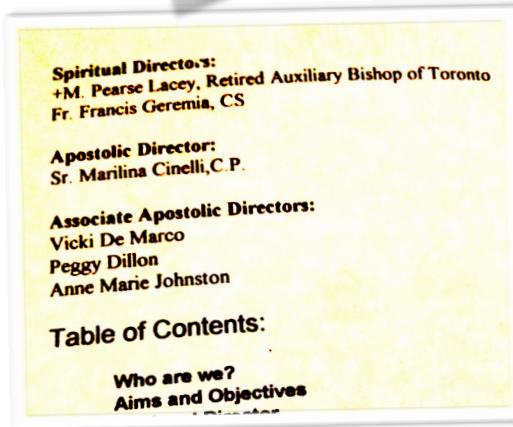
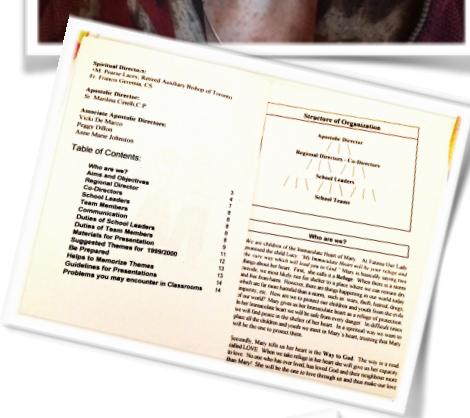
Peggy was an amazing model of virtue, gentleness and the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary for us all. Every School she walked into, she was greatly loved by children and staff alike.

I still remember how she enjoyed visiting most the primary grades. I recall how creative she was, using an Angel doll and Mary doll to explain the First Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation. How she cherished the beautiful thank-you cards and pictures the children would give her at the end of the year. As shown in the picture above. And how attentive the children were to hear soft spoken message of love!

In these first years, Peggy was very instrumental in bringing the Rosary Apostolate into so many schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Boards.

She willingly co-authored our very first Training Booklet which was reviewed and approved by our First Spiritual Director, Bishop M. Pearse Lacey.

Peggy also contributed to writing Themes and Rosary presentations to give to students in the classrooms.



All that you did - was done with a pure love for God. Thank you Peggy, for your witness of love in action. You were a true Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

With much gratitude to her for walking with us into the schools in those early founding years...

Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
Spiritual Director

Some words from the homily given by Deacon Tom Walsh at her Funeral Mass:

"She was the type of person who saw God in everyone."

She did not see the bad in people, only the good in people.

She joined so many groups and organizations because she was FULL OF THE LORD!

Peggy never panicked or became frustrated when things went wrong, she always made light of everything, "*everything that's broken can be fixed*" she would say.

Peggy always did the will of God.

The Gospel is about LOVE; that was Peggy - a living Gospel. She spread the love of Jesus to everyone!"

Deacon Tom Walsh
St. Timothy's Parish
21 Leith Hill Road
North York, Ontario M2J 1Y9



We Remember her:

Peggy and I made fast friends years ago in teaching. Her faith was strong, joyful and energetic. When I retired, Sister Marilina asked would I join her in teaching the Rosary in some schools. Loving Our Lady, I couldn't say no (despite the "rest" I craved).

Praying this to her, Our Lady replied, *"You know people who have the energy"*. Peggy instantly came to mind, and she said yes without hesitation! So as our core group formed, Peggy's wisdom, friendships and connections greatly enhanced the cause! And zooming ahead, the Rosary Apostolate in the schools was born!

Thank you so much, dear Peggy, for answering Our Ladies call. You were hand-picked by her for a reason. May your memory with us live on in love and much gratitude. You are a treasure!

We love you!
Vicky De Marco



The Legacy of Peggy Dillon

'Our Dear Friend Peggy'
I thank God for giving me the opportunity to know Peggy a Friend to everyone!
I first met her 30 years ago through my sister, Marita who had known her for years prior. And I said to myself what a wonderful lady. She had so much love in her for all of us. When I joined the Rosary Apostolate a year after it was started by Sr. Marilina, there she was so dedicated to our cause and always had that ready smile and hug for all.
Although her parish was St. Timothy, I get to see her on Saturdays as she went for the morning mass in Blessed Trinity and she also loved to join us in our fundraising dances in BT with Vicky de Marco.
I will miss her smile and her gentle ways - such a beautiful lady!
We all loved you.

Grace and peace,
Camila

Twenty years ago while attending a prayer meeting, I encountered a lovely woman named Peggy Dillon. She spoke with great zest about her involvement with the Rosary Apostolate in the schools, and invited me to join members of the Rosary Apostolate on a bus tour to visit churches around Toronto.

After that bus tour I knew I too wanted to be part of the Rosary Apostolate.

I still recall the first May Celebration in which I participated. The theme that year was Our Lady of Guadalupe. Peggy's love for our Blessed Lady was infectious. And witnessing her deep devotion to the children, and her natural ability to put them at ease and engage them in prayer was inspiring.

Thanks to Peggy, since that bus tour I have been privileged to be part of the Rosary Apostolate and Peggy has been an important part of my life as a dear friend. Like me, so many people have been touched by Peggy's love.

Peggy, I am eternally grateful you came into my life.

Your legacy of love will live on forever.

Pamela Scull

Good Bye to Our Dear Friend Peggy

Peggy trained me for the Rosary Apostolate. She was such a sparkling light to lead the way to the most incredible spiritual path to Mother Mary via the Rosary Apostolate.

Peggy had a smile and a hug, that would absolutely light up a room of hundreds. She, would dance through the crowd spreading her joy. She loved people, as she loved Mother Mary and Jesus.

I have been blessed to have known Peggy for twenty plus years.

She will be truly missed by all. Thank you dear friend and goodbye till we meet again.

Love,
Sharry Healey

