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Dear Sister Lise,

On behalf of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, OMI Lacombe Canada Province, I offer our congratulations and prayers for you and all the members of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary as you celebrate the canonization of your foundress, Mother Marie Rivier.

The Oblates ministering in Saskatchewan and the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary share a long history of collaboration in ministry since the arrival of the first six sisters in 1903. Marie Rivier's commitment to the poor and her love for the gospel and church continues to this day in the ministry and communities of Presentation Sisters around the world. We are grateful for the many years of collaboration and for the gift of your charism as your members ministered in the fields of education and pastoral ministry, with Indigenous peoples and in the wider church community of Saskatchewan. Happily, our collaboration in ministry continues today in new ways, and we are grateful for the ministry and presence of Sr. Chantelle Bonk, PM at Qu'Appelle House of Prayer.

The canonization of a foundress is a gift to the community she founded, but also to the whole church. With her canonization, the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary share Marie Rivier's charism in a new way; she becomes a model of service and holiness for us all. We are grateful for the charism of Mother Marie Rivier, lived by her followers since the foundation of the congregation in 1796.

Be assured of our prayers on May 15, 2022, as we rejoice and give thanks to God with you, the congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, and the whole Church as Pope Francis declares Mother Marie Rivier a saint.

With sincere gratitude,

Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI
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