

Reflection on the Life of Sr. Brigid Cullen

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Who was Sister Brigid to me. We lived and ministered together in Capitola in the early 1950s. Brigid was faithful and serious about her call to religious life, a faith-filled, dedicated woman. Her enthusiasm as a catechist, was inspirational. She had great love for the children whom she taught. They were a source of immense joy to her and when possible she followed their lives with keen interest.

Dedication to her call as one who shares the Gospel was without doubt paramount in her life. I will repeat this theme often because it was intense with Brigid. She never seemed to lose her excitement for her ministry and it seemed to be what gave meaning to her life she, was single minded.

I experienced Brigid as generous in sharing her knowledge and expertise. She set me on the path to becoming an effective Catechist. For me her interest and enthusiasm became infectious.

Brigid set the bar very high for herself whether it was studying Reaching or hobbies such as gardening and sewing. You could count on the fact that when she tackled a project of any kind it would be done thoroughly. Being conscientious and thorough characterized her personality.

The love for her call and mission was in the marrow of her bones as was the love and appreciation of the children in her care.

There is a reference in Scripture Daniel 12:vs3 "And those who have taught many people to do what is right will shine like the stars forever."- this is certainly applicable to Sister Brigid.