

**SISTER LUCY ANNE POULIN**, devoted Christian, humble servant of the people of her native state, imaginative and innovative pioneer of rural cooperatives. Born in Maine of native Maine parents, she had seven years of spiritual and liberal arts training at St. John of the Cross Monastery Hermitage and then supplemented that experience by studying marketing, management, and anthropology at the University of Maine, and cooperative management at Coady Institute in Nova Scotia. She has worked as a maid, a short order cook, a laborer, a factory hand in several capacities, and is familiar with all phases of sheep farming, including the construction of barns and the operation, care and repair of farm machinery. She was the founder and manager for seven years of Downeast Equestrian Center in Fairfield, a multi-purpose center training horses and riders for pre-Olympic and Olympic level dressage. She is also founder and currently manager of H.O.M.E. Inc., a rural cooperative helping people to help themselves, to lift themselves out of poverty, to learn handcraft skills, and to receive basic and high school education, all within a framework of dignity, self-respect and individual worth. A woman of remarkable industry and talent, she has devoted her life and work to God and to the people of Maine. Her compassionate understanding has enabled her to strive for that which is of deepest concern to her, to be present to God as He is to us.

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