

September 23, 2003

“I rejoiced when I heard them say, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”
(Responsorial Psalm - Liturgy of the Day)

Dear Sisters,

This morning, while the sisters were coming from liturgy, our dear Sister Frances Marie was called to rejoice forever in the heavenly kingdom.



Sister Frances Marie Yandrisevits
Born: August 30, 1916 in Allentown, PA
Professed: August 26, 1936
Died: September 23, 2003 in Reading, PA

Sister Frances Marie grew up in Holy Family Parish, Nazareth, where she and her brother, Father Philip, came to know the MSC at an early age.

She entered the aspirancy in 1930. After her profession, she spent one year in the Medical Records Department of Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown. Then she began her long and fruitful ministry as a teacher. Sister Frances Marie was an excellent teacher and was dearly loved by her students wherever she taught.

She taught the elementary school children in Our Lady of Hungary, Northampton; Holy Guardian Angels, Reading; St. Henry, Philadelphia; SS. Cyril & Methodius, Coaldale; Sacred Heart, Palmerton; and St. Peter, Coplay. She also taught in the high schools--Central Catholic in Allentown and Little Flower in Philadelphia. From 1980 to 1988, she served as bookkeeper at Our Lady of Hungary, Northampton.

From 1988 until 1994, she lived at home and cared for her handicapped sister, Julia. Her ministry to her sister was patient and loving. Nothing was ever too much for her in her service to others, including her sister and her brother, Father Philip, of whom she was very, very proud.

When caring for herself and her sister became too much for her, she was invited to come with Julia to St. Michael Convent. Although she herself needed assistance, she continued to help care for her sister until Julia's death several years ago.

For the past year, Sister Frances Marie's health steadily declined. She would often appear to be slipping away, only to rally again, smile, and tease the sisters and the nurses. Then she would tell everyone around her how much she loved them. However, this time, very quietly and peacefully, Sister did slip away and I am sure she went to the "*house of the Lord*" rejoicing!

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister Frances Marie on Friday, September 26, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. She will then be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

In the love of Jesus,

Sister Theresa Lepore, M.B.C.