

April 8, 2002

“Rejoice to the full in the glory that is yours,
and give thanks to God who called you to His kingdom, alleluia.”

(Introit of Vigil Mass, Second Sunday of Easter)

Dear Sisters,

Like the suddenness of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, our dear Sister Agatha was welcomed by Him into her eternal home on Saturday, April 6, at 5:25 p.m.



Sister M. Agatha - Anna Keglovits
Born: October 1, 1914 in Tchantchendorf, Austria
Professed: August 26, 1935
Died: April 6, 2002 in Reading, PA

Sister Agatha came to the United States in 1923. Her parents settled in Northampton, PA where she came to know and love our MSC Sisters. Sister entered our congregation as an aspirant in 1929.

A year after first profession, Sister Agatha began a long and fruitful ministry as an educator in parish schools in Nazareth, Bethlehem, Philadelphia, Lansford, and Reading. Sister was principal and superior from 1954 until 1969 in Lebanon, Illinois; Hilltown, Coopersburg, and Slatington. Sister Agatha also taught in Allentown Central Catholic High School (1948-50) and served as sister-in-charge at Villa St. Elizabeth in Reading (1973-75). Her last ministry assignment before retiring in 1995 was a ten-year period where she worked as school secretary in Lansford.

The many areas in which she was missioned are a reflection of Sister Agatha's ever-ready spirit to serve wherever and however she might be needed. Her retirement years were filled with acts of loving kindness for her fellow sisters. Until a few days before her death, Sister was the faithful mail deliverer in the Health Care Unit as well as lector at Mass.

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This fidelity to service at the end of her life mirrored her dedication as a teacher and community member. Sister was serious by nature but always enjoyed a good time. Sister had a special love for Mary and a passionate love and admiration for Our Holy Father, John Paul II.

Sister Agatha was hospitalized after suffering a black-out during breakfast on April 3. She received a temporary pacemaker and was scheduled for more tests when she suddenly died three days later. The Motherhouse coordinator and a member of the Provincial Council visited Sister at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading just a short time before her death and were able to converse with her about family and community events.

Sister Agatha is survived by four sisters and two brothers whom she loved dearly and in whose extended families she was keenly interested. They will miss their sister and we, too, mourn the loss of a dedicated community member who was taken from us so swiftly.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister Agatha on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. She will then be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the Risen Lord,

Sister Maria Clark, U.S.C.