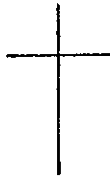


August 13, 1998

“The Heart of Jesus is more than a true teacher. It is the source from which we draw all that we need to imitate Him.”
(Words of Hubert Linckens, MSC)

Dear Sisters,

Yesterday afternoon at 2:25 p.m., Jesus unexpectedly called our dear Sister Britta to himself. Sister was alert and communicative moments before her death. In the morning she asked that Holy Communion be brought to her as she had not been able to attend Holy Mass. As Sister received her Viaticum, she smiled broadly.



Sister M. Britta - Maria Stienemeier
Born: November 17, 1907 in Ober-Dedinghausen, Germany
First Profession: September 10, 1929
Died: August 12, 1998 in Reading, PA

Sister Britta entered the aspirancy in Hiltrup in 1923. She came to the United States in May of 1931 and immediately began her life-long ministry of teaching. For ten years Sister taught in the parish schools of Northampton, Nazareth, and Philadelphia. After furthering her studies as a graduate student at Dayton University in 1941, Sister Britta returned to the classroom.

Between 1957 and 1977, while continuing as a full-time teacher, Sister generously accepted the responsibilities of principal and local superior in Coaldale, Palmerton, and Northampton. When she reached her seventieth year, Sister's ministry slowed down a bit but she still continued teaching in Philadelphia, where she spent the last two years of her educational ministry as a tutor.

These years of service to God's children were characterized by a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Sister took great pride in her pupils and delighted in the opportunity to deepen the faith and character of the thousands of youths whose lives she influenced. Sister Britta was committed to bringing her pupils to know and love the Heart of Jesus, the Divine Teacher, to whom she dedicated her life. Among the many altar servers whom she trained, a number are priests today. Many of Sister Britta's former pupils kept in touch and visited after she retired to Holy Family Center in 1985.

During the first two years of her retirement, Sister Britta served as a coordinator in Holy Family Center and helped to care for the needs of the sisters. Britta had a great love for all of nature. She

cared tenderly for plants and flowers and assumed a special responsibility for the grotto of the Blessed Virgin located on the convent grounds.

Above all, we remember Sister Britta as a faithful and prayerful woman who brought joy and encouragement to her sisters in community.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister at St. Michael's on Saturday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m. Afterwards she will be laid to rest on our convent cemetery.

Yours in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Marie Clark, M.S.C.