

March 29, 2003

“Hail Admirable Heart of Jesus! We praise you.
We bless you. We give you thanks.”

Dear Sisters,

This morning shortly after 9:00 a.m., the eternal Bridegroom whom Sister Edith loved and served so faithfully welcomed her into His eternal home. It was fitting that, at this sacred meeting, two of her MSC Sisters who were at her bedside were singing the familiar words of the “Ave”.



Sister M. Edith - Louise Treiber
Born: April 6, 1910 in Allentown, PA
Professed: August 26, 1930
Died: March 29, 2003 in Reading, PA

Sister Edith was drawn to our congregation through her contacts with our MSC Sisters at Sacred Heart Hospital where she worked as a young girl. Shortly after her first profession, Sister was missioned to the Marianist Preparatory School in Beacon, New York. Both here and later at the St. Francis Seraphic Preparatory Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sister Edith performed domestic duties and also nursed the students who were admitted to the infirmary.

In 1944, obedience called Sister Edith to transfer her loving care of young seminarians to the children of Sacred Heart Home in Coopersburg. Sister spent the next 28 years caring for the boys. In addition to providing for their general well being, including their personal and clothing needs and nightly supervision in their dormitory, Sister was responsible for the Home's laundry and much of the daily driving requirements.

Sacred Heart Home was indeed home for Sister Edith. She carried out her responsibilities with diligence and heart. Sister knew how to win the hearts of her young charges and how best to provide the necessary structure and discipline that they needed. One of the ways Sister strived to achieve these goals was by coaching the boys' basketball team.

When Sacred Heart Home was closed in 1972, Sister Edith began a new ministry of service to her fellow sisters at St. Michael's. Even after her retirement in 1982, Sister helped daily in the laundry and spent much time doing ceramic work to be sold and/or offered as gifts to benefactors.

Sister joined the Holy Family community in 1988 and was ever busy with beautiful crocheting. Poor health finally forced her busy fingers to become still but did not prevent her from being the ever prayerful and gracious MSC. Sister Edith's spirit of simplicity and gratitude was a great inspiration to the nursing staff and to her fellow sisters.

About a month ago, Sister was hospitalized for tests which confirmed that she was suffering from pancreatic cancer. For the past two weeks, Sister had been on hospice care here at St. Michael's. Ever patient, ever prayerful and accepting of life's difficulties, with a joyous spirit Sister Edith waited for her Bridegroom.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister Edith on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. She will then be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in Jesus' love,

Sister Marie Clark, MSC