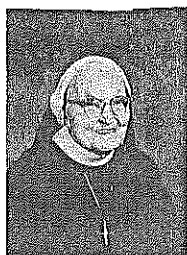


September 4, 2001

“My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”  
(Magnificat)

Dear Sisters,

Just after 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 2, these words of Mary’s Magnificat became a reality for our dearly departed Sister M. Engelinde.



Sister M. Engelinde - Gebine Wiemker  
Born: January 23, 1908 in Rhede-Ems, Germany  
Professed: August 16, 1932  
Died : September 2, 2001 in Reading, PA

After her first profession, Sister Engelinde began her missionary activity in her homeland. In 1940 she was missioned to Peru and in 1955 Sister became a member of our province. Sister was always delighted when a sister from Peru was here for a visit. She loved the Spanish language and welcomed every opportunity to converse in Spanish. She sometimes served as a court interpreter, thereby assisting immigrants to our country.

Sister Engelinde’s first assignment here was to St. Mary’s Hospital in Athens, Georgia. Two years later, Sister was transferred to Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown, where until 1985 she practiced and developed her skills in radiology. Sister Engelinde became the main teacher in the school of radiology. Her reputation spread and students came from many areas. Sister’s hard work and excellent teaching technique guaranteed that a willing student would pass the required state board examinations. These students were also guaranteed a very good position after graduation.

Sister’s dedication to Mary was practiced through an active involvement with the local Legion of Mary both in Norristown and later here in Reading. Sister loved to pray the rosary and spread devotion to Mary with great enthusiasm.

In 1985 Sister left active ministry in Norristown and came to St. Michael's. As long as her health permitted, Sister did volunteer work at the local Catholic hospital. In 1995 she joined the Holy Family community. From that time, she continued to suffer in various ways and grew more and more frail.

Long years of declining health caused Sister Engelinde much interior pain. With Mary, she offered all to Jesus. We are grateful to Sister Engelinde for the example of a long life of fidelity and service to the Heart of Jesus.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Sister Engelinde on Wednesday, September 5, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the Risen Lord,

*Sister Marie Clark, R.S.C.*