

February 21, 2002

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise.”
(Responsorial psalm - Thursday, Week One of Lent)

Dear Sisters,

This afternoon at 2:00 p.m., our dear Sister Mary Agnes was greeted by the angels and invited to sing God's praises for all eternity.



Sister Mary Agnes - Mary Reinisch
Born: January 30, 1911 in Northampton, PA
Professed: August 26, 1930
Died : February 21, 2002 in Reading, PA

Sister Mary Agnes grew up in Our Lady of Hungary parish in Northampton where she came to know the MSC at an early age. She entered the community as a young girl and was received as a novice when she was only 18 years of age.

Immediately after first profession, Sister began a long ministry as a homemaker in various houses of the congregation. Her missionary journeys took her to New York, Ohio, West Virginia, and various towns in Pennsylvania. She worked with young seminarians, orphaned children, the elderly, as well as in a retreat house and at St. Michael's in Reading. In 1986, after 55 years of hard work, Sister retired from active ministry. She remained a member of St. Michael community until failing health required her to become a patient in Holy Family Center.

During the later years of her life, Sister contributed time and energy to arts and crafts. In this way, she continued her life of service for the community and the Heart of Jesus. In recent years, Sister's hearing failed almost completely. Fortunately she was able to pass many hours in reading.

For her tombstone, Sister Mary Agnes chose the prayer, "*King of my heart, I adore you. Heart of my King, I love you.*" Throughout her long religious life, Sister lived her love and adoration of the Heart of Jesus through service for others. Her life contained much suffering and the last years were especially difficult.

Sister died peacefully in the presence of one of the many sisters who had faithfully kept watch during the last day of her life. May she experience in death the great peace and unconditional love that the Heart of Jesus bestows on all who strive to follow Him.

On Monday, February 25, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister Mary Agnes. Afterward, she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the Risen Lord,

Sister Marie Clark, R.S.C.