

September 12, 2001

“May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us,
and come to share the life you promise.”
(Opening prayer of this morning’s liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

This afternoon, our dear Sister Mary was called to share the life promised her by our Lord.



Sister Mary - Ethel McCarty
Born: July 15, 1916 in Bucksville, PA
Professed: August 26, 1937
Died : September 12, 2001 in Reading, PA

Sister Mary entered the aspirancy in 1931. After her profession, she taught primary grades for four years in Holy Family School, Nazareth, PA. Then she went on to the University of Dayton where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education and to Cornell University to continue studies in Laboratory Technology.

Her ministry as a laboratory technologist took her to Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown for twenty years; Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown for six years; and St. Mary’s Hospital in Athens, Georgia where she served for seventeen years, and then two years as a patient visitor.

In 1988, Sister Mary retired and came to the Motherhouse where she continued to serve the community as a sacristan in Holy Family chapel. She performed many other little services for the sisters until she, herself, needed assistance.

Throughout her religious life, Sister Mary did everything with a cheerful, loving heart. Her joyful spirit radiated her love for God and others. During her years in the hospital, she was often on night call for the laboratory. Whether she was making her rounds during the day or at night, you could always hear her humming or singing before you would see her perpetual smile. She always had a kind, cheerful word for everyone.

To know Sister Mary was to love her, and everyone felt the warmth of God's love through her. She truly made God's love present to everyone.

On Saturday, September 15, 2001, at 11:30 a.m., the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister Mary. Afterward, she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the Risen Lord,

Sister Theresa Lepore