

A.U.T.C.J.S.

St. Michael's Convent
Reading, Pa.
December 1, 1959.

Dear Sisters,

Last night after Benediction we sang, "When will Thou come, my Savior?" Many of us thought of our dear Sister M. Angelica who waited for the coming of the Master and He fulfilled her longing this morning at 4:15.

Sister M. Angelica, nee Gertrude Weithkamp
Born, August 20, 1889 at Drensteinfurt, Germany
Entered our Congregation, November 8, 1910
Reception May 13, 1911
First Profession May 14, 1912
Final Profession May 15, 1917
Died December 1, 1959 at St. Michael's Convent, Reading, Pa.

Sister M. Angelica received a thorough Catholic home training and felt from childhood days on drawn to the religious and missionary life. As a young Sister she received special training to be a Kindergarten teacher and this work was always very dear to her. In 1913 she came to the U.S.A. and worked from 1914 to 1926 in the large Kindergarten of Northampton. When this was discontinued, Sister was transferred to St. Henry's, Philadelphia, where she taught the First Grade with great love, zeal, and real enthusiasm from 1926 to 1958. Sister had suffered a brain hemorrhage in 1953 which made her very forgetful. But she continued school work for five more years and only God knows how hard it was even in 1958 to retire. For one more year she stayed in St. Henry's Convent, trying to play the assistant housekeeper. Early this summer she was transferred to St. Michael's after a short stay in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown.

Sister M. Angelica was a loyal and faithful religious who tried in every way to keep her vows, to practice virtue and to observe the Holy Rule. She had a great sense of responsibility and was a good first grade teacher. Sister was obliging and amiable; charity was her outstanding virtue. In her last lingering illness, when she became more and more forgetful and at times confused and depressed, she evinced, nevertheless, a childlike and deep piety, a holy simplicity toward her Father in heaven, deep respect and obedience toward her superiors, and kindness and amiability to all.

Toward the end of October Sister received the Last Sacraments and she followed the holy rites with a clearness of mind, with attention and fervor which edified all. Yesterday morning Sister could still receive Holy Communion, but later on she went into a coma. Last night Father anointed her again, said all the prayers for the dying; Sister continued in a coma until her peaceful death this morning.

The funeral will be on Thursday, December 3, at 10:00 A.M. Let us pray for Sister though we hope that she is now with the "Angels" in heaven praying for us.

Sincerely in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Elizabeth, M.S.C.