

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

Dear Sisters,

St. Michael's Convent
Hyde Park, Reading, Pa.
August 6, 1962

Yesterday we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of eleven Sisters and the Silver Jubilee of eight. In the inspiring sermon Father beautifully compared the life of a religious to Holy Mass and pointed out that after her life of consecration with Christ she will once celebrate eternal communion with Him, the Angels and Saints, especially all M. S. C. Sisters in heaven.

Early this morning, our dear Sister M. Cyrilla said her final "Ite missa est" and began her eternal communion.

Sister M. Cyrilla, Elizabeth Frendak
Born: August 23, 1897 in Lansford, Pennsylvania
Entered the Congregation: August 31, 1917
Reception: November 21, 1917
First Profession November 22, 1918
Final Profession August 25, 1923
Died August 6, 1962 in Good Samaritan Hospital, Pa.

Sister M. Cyrilla came from a good Catholic family of the coal region. Her older sister, our late Sister M. Cyrilla, and Sister M. Methodia, who celebrated her Golden Jubilee yesterday, were the first United States novices. However, the first Sister M. Cyrilla died rather young; her sister Elizabeth followed her to the Convent and took the same name.

Sister M. Cyrilla worked as registered nurse in Allentown, Wedron, Norristown, and Limeport and devoted all her energy to the care of the sick. However, Sister suffered from a stroke in 1957, and not long after she had a relapse. For a long time her speech was difficult and incoherent. She stayed in the Infirmary of the Motherhouse and improved somewhat. Again it was a joy for her to help the Sister Infirmary with the care of the sick in many little ways, getting their trays, bringing them to chapel, etc. In spite of her illness, Sister was most faithful in her religious duties, punctual, and was practically always with the community, also in the evening recreation and though, on account of her illness, she could say little, she was a faithful listener. She was simple and hard working, demanding little but trying in many ways to make others happy.

On Sunday evening, July 29, she went with the Sisters through the garden. The next morning she rose with the Community, arranged her bed and then had a stroke which paralyzed her left side. The Sister Infirmary found her shortly after on the floor. The priest gave her conditional absolution, Extreme Unction, and the Papal Blessing. She then was taken to our hospital in Pottsville where she lingered yet for a week. Though unconscious, she seemed to respond occasionally to prayers. Let us pray that she will soon be happy with her own and all M. S. C. Sisters in heaven.

Her funeral will be on Wednesday, August 8, at 10:00 A. M.

Sincerely yours in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Elizabeth, M. S. C.