

St. Michael's Convent
Bernharts
Reading, Pa.

July 14, 1955

Dear Sisters,

God had pity on our dear Sister M. Innocentia and relieved her of her sufferings this morning by a peaceful death.

Sister M. Innocentia, Elizabeth Droit
Born March 3, 1891 at Vehrte
Entered October 17, 1917
Received the habit May 15, 1918
Made first profession May 16, 1919
Took final vows July 5, 1924
Died at Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown, Pa., July 14, 1955

Sister M. Innocentia entered our Congregation after she had spent a number of years as teacher in the world. In 1921 obedience transferred her to America. Her first assignment here was the Parochial School in Northampton. Later she taught the orphan children in the Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, and subsequently our Aspirants in St. Michael's and the children in St. Henry's, Philadelphia, Pa., and St. Joseph's, Athens, Ga. Her love for teaching overcame many a physical handicap and, in spite of poor health, she tried again and again to be of service in the classroom, and later in our hospitals and then in the Motherhouse.

It was hard for her to resign herself to an inactive life. She has suffered much, especially since last year when she became bed-ridden. She accepted these sufferings and also death willingly and offered them to God for the conversion of sinners. Though deprived of the power of speech since the middle of June, she remained conscious most of the time and reacted to the prayers and spiritual aids offered her. She often expressed her gratitude to the Superiors and nursing Sisters for the care and attention she received from them.

By nature choleric Sister M. Innocentia had to fight many a battle until, mellowed by sufferings and cooperating with God's graces, she gained the victory. The Sacred Heart will be pleased with her sacrifices and her sufferings and will now reward her in His own generous way. But as Sister has often pleaded for prayers, we will certainly comply to her request and offer our prayers for the repose of her soul. May she rest in God's peace.

Faithfully yours in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Hildburg, M.S.C.