

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

St. Michael's Convent
Bernharts, Reading, Pa.
December 15, 1955

Dear Sisters:

This morning at 9:00 A.M. our dear Sister M. Pauline went to her eternal reward.

Sister M. Pauline - Mary Buszwinkel
Born - June 12, 1886 at Billebeck, Germany
Entered our Congregation - Nov. 7, 1910
Made First Profession - May 14, 1912
Arrived in U.S.A. - July 31, 1912
Made Final Profession - May 15, 1917
Died - Dec. 15, 1955, at Mercyville, Illinois.

Our dear Sister M. Pauline died a peaceful and beautiful death, leaving this vale of sorrows with a big smile, seemingly conscious of her going home to God. A few months ago she had suffered a slight stroke, from which she recovered fairly well. All of a sudden a change came over her this morning. When the priest had administered Extreme Unction, she smiled and her soul went to God. How happy will she now be praising God with a mind released from the fetters of the mental illness which she bore for many years. Fortunately, Sister was not aware of her state of mind and was seemingly at ease and peace, living as it were in another world. The good Sisters of Mercy gave her loving care for about seventeen years and deserve our gratitude.

When Sister M. Pauline came to the U.S.A. in 1912, she was first assigned to do household work at Msgr. Borneman's Rectory, St. Paul's, Reading. After a short time she was transferred to the Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. For 16 years she was occupied here with various household chores. She performed them conscientiously and diligently, always kind and polite to others. At this time already symptoms of her mental affliction became visible. In 1929 she was transferred to Wedron. The treatments available there, did not effect her cure. In 1938 the sickness reached a state which made confinement to an institution necessary. Since then Sister has been in Mercyville.

We hope that Sister has merited many graces for heaven in spite of her mental illness. She has been striving after perfection in doing God's will as long as she was in possession of her mental faculties and so, we trust, God in His goodness will give her credit for all her actions. In sisterly charity we will recommend her soul to God in fervent prayer. May she rest in peace.

Sister M. Pauline will be buried in our Convent cemetery on Monday, December 18.

With silent Advent greetings, I am,
Faithfully yours in C.J.,

Mother M. Hildburg, M.S.C.