

Reading, October 14, 1961

Dear Sisters,

This morning at 4:05 our dear Sister M. Theodelinde left us to exchange, in the words of the Preface, this earthly dwelling place with the everlasting abode in heaven.

Sister M. Theodelinde, Maria Wulf
Born November 29, 1903 at Wiltrop, Westphalia
Entered the Aspirancy: May 14, 1920
Entered the Congregation: May 23, 1923
Came to U. S. A.: August 1, 1923
Date of Reception: August 25, 1923
First Profession: August 26, 1924
Final Vows: August 25, 1929

Died: October 14, 1961 in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, Pa. Sister M. Theodelinde was one of nine children. She was raised in the country and all her life loved God's nature and the open air. It was a joy for her to help with the outside work in the Provincialhouse during her summer vacation.

Sister was active as teacher in several parish schools of the Allentown Diocese. For 15 years she taught in Northampton. Since 1959 she was stationed at St. Peter's School, Coplay. In spite of many years of poor health she worked hard, loved her school work and her pupils, and did her best to give them all she could. On September 21 of this year Sister suffered a heart infarct; the Pastor of Coplay was called immediately to administer the Last Sacraments. Meanwhile the ambulance had come to take Sister to our Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown. There, sustained by intravenous medication, she suffered yet for more than three weeks. One attack followed the other, so that Sister had to be informed of the approaching death. The will to live and to work for God (not just "sit around", as she put it) was combined with a quiet resignation. Sister prepared by prayer, suffering, frequent Confession, and daily Communion to meet the Bridegroom. When I visited her again yesterday she was weak but very clear, alert, interested, and grateful. She made every effort to repeat acts of faith, hope, love, contrition, and resignation. Early this morning, assisted by the prayers of the priest, she peacefully returned her soul to her Maker.

Let us now remember Sister in our fervent prayers.

The funeral will be on Tuesday, October 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Elizabeth, M.S.C.

Dear Sisters,

Please, pray also for Sister M. Arilda. She returned October 5. from her home visit in Germany, was well on the plane, but had a heart attack after she had left it. She is in Resurrection Hospital in Chicago and is improving slightly.

Pray also for Sister M. Josetta who had to undergo an emergency operation on October 6. We also recommend Sister M. Benedicta and Sr. M. Theodosia to your prayers, and likewise all our sick Sisters.