

ST. MICHAEL CONVENT
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"My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit
finds joy in God, my Savior." (Lk. 1: 46-47)

Dear Sisters,

With these words our dear Sister M. Baldegundis must have greeted her
Bridegroom today at 5:55 a.m. when her breathing ceased.

Sister M. Baldegundis, M.S.C.
Adelgunde Koepf
Born: December 11, 1897 at Buederich, Germany
First Profession: May 6, 1924
Died: August 28, 1976 at Good Samaritan Hospital
in Pottsville, Pa.

While we have lost a friend who was always a kind and happy Religious,
faithful in little things, ever ready for any service, we have gained a new friend
in Heaven. Our Sisters often referred to Sister as a living saint, who was pray-
ful, intimately united with God, and who helped others wherever she could. No
unkind word ever crossed her lips. Most of her religious life was spent at the
Motherhouse, where she was sewing beautiful vestments and other items used at the
Liturgy. When we changed to our present habit, she sewed hundreds of caps and
collars for us, always trying to make sure that they fit each Sister.

During the past five years leukemia has caused Sister to suffer much; yet
she carried her cross joyfully to the end. She was hospitalized in the latter
part of June because of a fractured arm which healed well. However, the leukemia
could no longer be controlled, and Our Lady came to take her Home early this
morning.

Sister's life was one great continuation of the daily Holy Mass. She had
a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart and placed all concerns, especially those of
our Congregation into that Sacred Heart. Her rosary was constantly in her hands
during her illness, as it was often also during her earlier life. A great lover
of the Sacred Heart, of Our Lady and of our Congregation is now praying for us.
Let us also continue to keep her memory alive, especially at Holy Mass.

Her funeral Mass will be at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 1976. The
internment will be in our cemetery.

In the Love of Jesus,
Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.