

ST. MICHAEL CONVENT
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READING, PA., 19605

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"As you share in the sufferings, so you will share
in the consolation." (2 Cor. 1,7) Antiphone of today's
evening prayer.

Dear Sisters,

Today, very suddenly and unexpectedly, Our Lord called our dear Sister M. Bonosa to share the joy and consolation of Heaven.

Sister M. Bonosa, M.S.C. - Maria Muellmann
Born February 22, 1901 in Hoevel near Hamm, Germany
First Profession May 7, 1925
Died November 4, 1975 in Allentown, Pennsylvania

Sister M. Bonosa came to America as a postulant in 1924. She graduated from Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing, Allentown, Pa. in 1929. Sister was a nurse anesthetist. She helped to establish the School of Anesthesia at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown in 1944 and was Director of the School until it closed in 1967. Many of the 140 nurses who graduated from the school, have kept in contact with Sister through the years, expressing their appreciation and gratitude to her in many ways.

Just recently Doctor Lerner, Anesthesiologist, wrote a letter of appreciation to Sister M. Bonosa for the excellent nurse anesthetists who are now working with him at the Allentown - Sacred Heart Hospital. He also arranged for Sister to spend an afternoon at the hospital, which was a source of great joy for her.

While Director of the School of Anesthesiology Sister M. Bonosa wrote a book for Anesthetists. Although the book was never actually published, copies are still being requested by Schools of Anesthesiology all over the country.

Sister M. Bonosa was a prayerful, faithful religious, a woman of great faith. She had a very special devotion to St. Michael and the Guardian Angels and also to Our Blessed Mother. Often she was seen praying the rosary. Sister loved our M.S.C. community and put herself wholeheartedly into everything she did, whether it was prayer, recreation or work. She was kind and pleasant and loved to be of help to others. Sister celebrated her Golden Jubilee this year.

At the end of July she fell and fractured her left hip. She recovered well from this and recently asked for a new assignment. She was so happy today when she left St. Michael's for her new apostolate. However, Sister never reached Wellsburg. While waiting at the airport for the plane to arrive, she had a heart attack. She was taken to Muhlenberg Medical Center by ambulance, but had apparently already died. Sister M. Bonosa had often said she wanted to "die with her shoes on". Our Lord truly granted her wish, even literally.

Let us continue to remember our dear departed Sister, especially at the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The funeral Mass will be on Friday, November 7th, at 3:30 P.M.

In the Heart of Jesus,
Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.