

ST. MICHAEL CONVENT
HYDE PARK
READING, PA.; 19605

JANUARY 31, 1977

"OH MARY, MY MOTHER, MY HOPE!"

Dear Sisters,

This morning while the Motherhouse Community was participating in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, Our Lord called our dear Sister M. Elizabetha to Himself.

Sister M. Elizabetha, M.S.C. - Maria Storck
Born: February 25, 1894 in Mueschen near Laer, Germany
First Profession: May 16, 1921
Died: January 31, 1977 in Reading, Pa.

Sister M. Elizabetha lived her religious life to the full. She was a devoted and loyal M.S.C. who made Jesus and Mary her joy. This showed in the ever ready smile and pleasant greetings she had for everyone - all the time.

Sister was an excellent teacher and spent most of her religious life in that Apostolate in many of our schools. She had an interest in and concern for every student and gave of herself in a special way to those with specific needs. When she could no longer teach, Sister M. Elizabetha remained on the school missions and helped in many ways, such as tutoring slow learners etc. In 1974 she retired from the active Apostolate and came to St. Michael's.

Even in these later years Sister Elizabetha radiated the joy of Christ. She was always pleasant and happy and appreciated everything that was done for her. She spent much time in prayer, and still found time to help prepare the vegetables for meals, or to do many a little favor for others.

About a week ago Sister was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital because of an intestinal obstruction, and placed in the Progressive Care Unit. For Sister it was a week of intense pain and suffering; she accepted it willingly, uniting it with the sufferings of Our Lord. Often during that week she could be heard saying her favorite ejaculation, "Oh Mary, my mother, my hope". The nurses said it was a joy to care for her because of her beautiful resignation to God's will and her sincere gratitude for everything that was done for her. At 3:00 A.M. this morning her sufferings ended when she went into a coma. Then shortly after 6:00 A.M. she left us to begin her new life of joy and union with Our Lord.

Sister M. Elizabetha has a twin brother living in Germany. Her sister, Sister Mariana, M.S.C. died in August 1975 in Hilstrup.

The Mass of the Resurrection for our departed Sister will be celebrated in our Convent Chapel on Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. The burial will be in our Convent Cemetery on Wednesday morning, February 2nd.

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