

St. Michael Convent  
Hyde Park  
Reading, Pa. 19605

July 27, 1978

"Learn from Me for I am gentle and humble of heart."  
(Mt. 11:29)

Dear Sisters,

This evening the Lord in His own gentle way called our Sister M. Eustasia to share more fully in His life.

Sister M. Eustasia -- Anna Hunke  
Born: April 3, 1905 at Herzebrock, Westfalia, Germany  
First Profession: September 9, 1928  
Died: July 27, 1978, in Reading, Pennsylvania

The above words of Jesus that we find in the gospel of St. Matthew can be used as a summary of Sister Eustasia's life. During her years in religious life she truly learned the kind, gentle, and humble ways of the Lord.

Anyone who had lived with Sister, whether it was during the time of her active ministry in various domestic departments in our houses, or in her retirement in Villa St. Elizabeth, knew Sister as very kind and friendly, gentle and unassuming in her ways. Sister was always other-centered, very attentive to their needs, ready and willing to serve anyone at anytime. During her time of convalescence and up to the moment of her death, Sister's disposition was one of graciousness and gratitude.

For many years Sister had Parkinson's disease. In March of this year, Sister Eustasia had a stroke and was brought to the infirmary at our motherhouse. Here she began to improve slowly. In the past few days, however, Sister began to grow progressively weak. During this time, Sister was fully conscious. She talked and prayed with the Sisters who came to see her and thanked them for their visits. This evening, shortly after supper, she died very quietly and peacefully.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on Saturday, July 29, at 4:00 p. m., after which she will be buried in our convent cemetery.

Let us continue to remember Sister Eustasia, especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

In the Heart of Jesus,

Sister M. Philip, MSC