

ST. MICHAEL CONVENT
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"Leave it to the Lord and wait for Him"
Ps. 37

Dear Sisters,

The above passage is from yesterday's psalms of Morning Praise. It characterizes Sister Leocadia's life, especially during the past few years. When Sister joined the community in morning prayers, little did she know that by evening her waiting would be over and she would be with the Lord.

Sister M. Leocadia, M.S.C.
Gertrud Hartmeyer
Born: March 27, 1890
First Profession: May 14, 1912
Died: March 13, 1979

Sister Leocadia had been a teacher for many years, serving in various schools of our province. She was dedicated to the apostolate of education; teaching children was for her a privilege because it afforded an opportunity to instill Christian values, and an understanding of eternal truths. The children she taught were precious to her.

Sister was in Lansford when she had her first serious heart attack which ended her teaching career. She stayed in Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville for some time recuperating, and then in 1952 she came to St. Michael's.

Although she had to give up her loved apostolate because of poor health, Sister took on a new service of collecting and preparing used greeting cards and making packages for our mission in Peru. The grateful letters she received from the Sisters in Peru always gave her renewed courage and strength to carry on that apostolate which was also dear to her.

Although her activity was somewhat limited here at St. Michael's, Sister was always resigned to God's holy will; peaceful and satisfied with whatever happened in her daily living and loving. She knew her condition was serious and often spoke about heaven and going home. She was grateful to God for her clear mind which she retained until the end.

Yesterday, in the early afternoon, Sister complained of not feeling well. She went to bed and seemed to be resting peacefully "leaving it all to the Lord". It was late afternoon when He came for her, and she slept away as unassumingly as she had lived.

The funeral Mass for Sister Leocadia will be offered on Friday afternoon at 4:00 P.M., after which she will be buried in our convent cemetery.

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Sister M. Thomaite, M.S.C.