

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere!

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"The just will gaze on your face, O Lord!" (today's responsorial psalm)

Dear Sisters,

At 3:15 p.m. today, our Risen Savior called our dear Sister M. Oswalda to her eternal reward.

Sister M. Oswalda, m.s.c. - Katharina Poehlker
Born August 29, 1884 at Ochtrup, Germany
Entered our Congregation May 13, 1911
Final profession May 15, 1917
Died June 1, 1974 in Reading, Pa., U.S.A.

Sister M. Oswalda was active as a homemaker in several of the institutions staffed by our Sisters, from 1912 to 1968, at which time her health began to fail. Congestive heart failure brought her to the motherhouse infirmary. Her death was due to aging and general arteriosclerosis. Sister was one of the pioneers who spent the years 1938 to 1943 in Puerto Rico, a mission which we had to discontinue after five years.

All who knew Sister M. Oswalda, loved her. She was gifted with a cheerful, pleasing disposition. Our nursing staff refers to her as a beautiful person in every respect. Although she was gradually getting weaker, she was able to spend some time sitting in a chair. On Wednesday she was alert, happy and grateful for everything as usual. Early Thursday morning she went into a coma from which she did not recover. She died very quietly while her fellow Sisters were praying, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." A beautiful life had a beautiful ending.

Sister M. Oswalda was for many years a superior of several convents. Those who lived with her, speak of her prayerfulness, gentleness, kindness, understanding helpfulness to others and happiness of soul. They say she was a great builder of community in her convent. May she now pray for each one of us as we try to build in our convents communities of love.

The funeral Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1974. Let us continue to include our departed Sister in our prayers, and especially at Holy Mass.

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.