

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

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"My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit finds
joy in God, my Savior". (Lk. 1: 46-47)

Dear Sisters,

Today, on the 76th Anniversary of the approbation of our Congregation, we celebrated two great events; one the beginning of a life of total commitment to the Lord in the First Profession of our two Novices. The other the completion of a life of total dedication, as Christ called His Bride, Sister M. Patricia Home.

Sister M. Patricia - Emma Stappert
Born: July 26, 1893 in Hamm, Germany
First Profession: May 15, 1918
Died: February 6, 1977

Sister M. Patricia, the Sister of our Sister M. Illuminata, came to the U.S.A. in 1920. She spent 48 years of her life teaching in many of our schools; imparting not only academic knowledge to her students, but teaching them how to come closer to the Lord. Sister herself was a woman of prayer. Most of her time on Sundays was spent with our Eucharistic Lord in Chapel. Her sister tells us that she dedicated herself totally to God even before she entered the Convent. During her religious life she kept a log of dates which were days of special grace for her and show the depth of her intimacy with God.

Sister M. Patricia always prayed and offered herself especially for priests and for vocations to the religious life. A number of our Sisters were guided and counselled by Sister before entering our Community. Praying for sinners was another of her great intentions.

In 1971 Sister came to the Motherhouse Infirmary. At that time she began to lose her memory due to arteriosclerotic changes. This condition worsened through these six years. However, she was always kind and grateful for all that was done for her. For the past year and a half Sister M. Illuminata has been here in the Motherhouse and she spent much of her time lovingly caring for her sister. One of Sister M. Patricia's greatest friends was our dear Sister M. Elizabetha, who was buried just a week ago. Sister visited Sister Patricia each day and said her favorite prayer, the Magnificat, with her.

On January 22nd Sister M. Patricia fell and fractured her left hip. She was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital for surgery, to which she seemed to be responding well. Then, this morning, she developed a pulmonary embolism which brought an end to the earthly life of a faithful, prayerful religious.

The funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, February 8, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. in our Chapel. The burial services will be on Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.. Let us continue to remember our departed Sister, especially at the Eucharistic Liturgy,

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.