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"Give us a share in your inheritance, Lord."
(Psalm-Prayer, Tuesday)

Dear Sisters,

Little did Sister Stanislaus know that the above evening prayer would become a reality for her so soon. This evening, Sister had supper with the others in the infirmary, prayed night prayers with them, and stayed on a little to chat. In a short while she retired to her room. A few minutes later, one of the Sister-nurses found her lying lifeless on her bed.

Sister M. Stanislaus (Stanislava)
Elizabeth Novak
Born: November 18, 1892 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA
First Profession: November 21, 1916
Died: September 17, 1979 in Reading, Pennsylvania

Sister Stanislaus began her apostolic activity in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, as a private duty nurse. From the very beginning, Sister was noted for her kindness and concern for both patients and their families, so much so, that some postponed their surgery until they were sure that Sister Stanislaus would be available to care for them. Sister also had a special way with children and was a real source of sunshine to her little patients in pediatrics in our hospitals in Allentown, Norristown, and Pottsville.

A serious heart condition forced Sister Stanislaus to come to Saint Michael's in 1969. Even though her activities were very much curtailed for the past ten years, her quiet, joyful presence has been a gift and inspiration to all who have known her over the years. All who knew her say they could describe her in the words, "kindness personified."

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Sister Stanislaus on Thursday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. Afterwards she will be laid to rest in the convent cemetery.

During her life, Sister prayed very much for the intentions of our congregation. We can be sure that she will continue to remember us, now that she shares in the inheritance of the Lord.

In the Heart of Jesus,

Sister M. Philip, MSC