

ST. MICHAEL CONVENT
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"Live as children of light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice
and truth." (Eph. 5:8-9)

Dear Sisters,

These words of tonight's evening prayer apply so well to our dear Sister M. Susanne, whose life was that of a child of light and who went Home to God at 9:40 p.m. today.

Sister M. Susanne - Anna Marie Alber
Born August 8, 1939 in Philadelphia
Final Profession June 29, 1964
Died October 13, 1974, in Allentown, Pa.

In January 1965 Sister became ill with leukemia. After several months of treatment she was able, to her great joy, to return to full-time duty in her teaching apostolate, and was active in it until the end of the school year in June 1974. During all these years, though she was under doctor's care, she was never hospitalized until this past July. She picked up a bit after many blood transfusions over a period of several weeks and was discharged. She was re-admitted on September 16th for a series of treatment to which she did not respond. She spent the last week of her life in our Sisters' convent at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown. God fulfilled her last wish to die in the convent and not in a hospital. Sister was up this morning, sitting in a chair, until around 11:00 a.m. When we visited her this afternoon, she looked very weak. She received the Sacrament of the Sick about 4:45 p.m., with her parents and several Sisters participating in the prayers. While we were waiting for the priest, we prayed with her and renewed our holy vows. A beautiful light shone in her eyes, and she nodded her head to the prayer, "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in You," and "All for Jesus through Mary, with a smile."

God has taken from our midst a beautiful young Sister whom her fellow Sisters describe as a conscientious religious, one who, from her novitiate days, was known for her fidelity in little things, one who had a great love for our M.S.C. Community. They referred to her as an excellent teacher, as a Sister and superior who saw the needs of others, and despite her own weak health, never thought of herself and never spared herself in responding to their needs, in showing concern and care, in being always helpful and obliging. Those who lived with her were inspired by her prayerfulness and especially by her great devotion to Jesus in the tabernacle. For almost ten years Sister knew that her days were numbered and so she prepared herself for her meeting with the Bridegroom. Her life was characterized by childlike simplicity. She died as she has lived, quietly and peacefully, supported by the presence of her family and her fellow Sisters. We have loved her in life, let us continue to love her in death through our prayers.

The funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, October 16, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. She will be interred in the Motherhouse cemetery.

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