

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

January 3, 1977

"Lord, let the light of your glory shine within us, and lead us through the darkness of this world to the radiant joy of our eternal home."
(Opening prayer, this morning's liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

Today, very suddenly and unexpectedly, Our Lord led our dear Sister M. Willigis to the radiant joy of our eternal home.

Sister M. Willigis, M.S.C. - Monika Piechowsky
Born: January 30, 1898 in Pr. Stargard, Kulm
First Profession: May 6, 1924
Died: January 3, 1977 at Villa St. Elizabeth, Reading, Pa.

Sister M. Willigis came to America as a Postulant in 1923. Much of her Religious life was spent in the teaching apostolate in many of our schools. In 1970 Sister went to Wellsburg, W.Va., where she served the elderly at the Knights of St. George Home. For the past year she has been living at Villa St. Elizabeth.

A quiet, unassuming person, Sister Willigis was always cheerful and always ready for joyful service, whether that meant doing a favor for someone or sharing the common work.

Her missionary spirit was evident even during her year of retirement at Villa St. Elizabeth. She carried on a little apostolate through correspondence with people in need; a prisoner, a leper family in the Philippines, and some former pupils.

Sister M. Willigis was a deeply prayerful religious. She had a very special devotion to Our Blessed Mother and prayed the fifteen decades of the rosary daily. Much of her time was spent in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

This morning Sister attended Holy Mass and received Holy Communion. After breakfast she helped with the dishes as usual, and then on the way to Chapel for meditation she stopped by the laundry to say a friendly greeting to the lay woman who works there. It was in chapel, before the Blessed Sacrament that she died, quietly and peacefully as she had lived.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for our departed Sister on Thursday, January 6, 1977 at 3:30 p.m.

In the Heart of Christ,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.