

August 6, 1996

"The voice of the Father is heard;
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight."
(Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration)

Dear Sisters,

This evening around 9:20 p.m., after many years of suffering from bone cancer, Sister Adelgund was received into the Father's Kingdom and heard the words of God addressed to her: "You are my daughter, my beloved, in whom is all my delight."



Sister M. Adelgund - Josephine Westhoff
Born: February 12, 1912 in Ahlen, Germany
First Profession: August 16, 1933
Died: August 6, 1996 in Reading, PA

Sister Adelgund arrived in the United States shortly after her first profession in 1933. She soon began a ministry in education which extended over 45 years. She was well liked as a teacher, principal, and local superior because of her kindness and listening heart.

During her time as principal of SS. Cyril and Methodius School in Reading, she was diagnosed with bone cancer. Although chemotherapy treatments extended her life for many years, it became necessary for Sister to retire from teaching. She then joined St. Michael's community where she helped in whatever way she was needed. She gave many hours to hand sewing for the sisters.

Sister Adelgund lived with a very compassionate heart, entering into the pain and sorrow of others. She was always readily available to anyone who went to her for help. Kindness was her outstanding quality. She always sought to do God's will as she found it in her daily life.

This past year, Sister's health began to decline and it became necessary for her to join Holy Family Center community. Gradually,

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she became weaker. This morning Sister received the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum with full consciousness. When death came to Sister Adelgund this evening, most of the province was gathered at St. Michael's to participate in Province Days and the closing session of our Provincial Chapter.

We will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection for Sister Adelgund on Friday, August 9, 1996, at 7:30 a.m., and then bring her to rest in our convent cemetery. We are grateful for Sister's 63 years of religious profession and know that she is with us as an intercessor who will bring God's blessing upon our final Chapter session.

Yours in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, MSC