

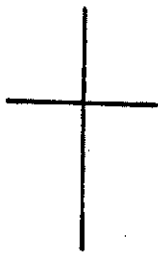
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"Lord, when your glory appears my joy will be full."
(Responsorial psalm, Sunday liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

Sunday morning at 3:35 a.m. the Lord called our dear Sister Alberta to enter the fullness of His joy.



Sister M. Alberta, MSC - Anna Heinzl
Born: January 24, 1902 in Forst, Germany
First Profession: May 7, 1925
Entered into Eternal Life: November 12, 1989

Sister Alberta came to the United States as a postulant in 1924. Until 1982 Sister ministered in the domestic services in several of our houses: Columbus, Ohio; St. Michael's, Reading; Malvern and Villa St. Elizabeth. She considered it a privilege to be sacristan during most of those years. Even in the last four years before she came to the motherhouse to retire she still continued to prepare the vestments and altar for holy Mass each morning. Sister did this with great devotion, thus witnessing to the faith and love that animated her.

Sister Alberta was quiet and gentle, selfless and thoughtful throughout her life. She had a very joyful spirit and radiated warmth and peace to the sisters with whom she lived and the people among whom she worked.

Sister Alberta prayed very much, especially in her last years of declining strength. She accepted her physical limitations and illness with great patience. God's will was all that mattered. She offered all for God's glory and for souls.

In the last few weeks we could see Sister Alberta grow progressively weaker, dying a little bit each day like a weakening flickering candle. The sisters had been taking turns watching by her bedside. This morning at 1:30 a.m., fully conscious, she received Holy Viaticum, and in the presence of her MSC sisters and her niece, Veronica, she passed quietly and serenely into the arms of her loving Father.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for Sister on Tuesday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of St. Michael Convent. Afterwards she will be laid to rest in the convent cemetery.

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We are grateful to Sister Alberta for her gentle presence among us and ask her to pray for us as we continue to remember her in our prayers.

In the love of our Lord,

Sister MaryAnne