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*It is He, the Lord Most High, Who gives each his place...
"In You all find their home."*

Ps. 87 (Morning prayers)

Dear Sisters,

This afternoon at 12:55 p.m., Sr. Alphonsa found her true home with the Lord Most High.

*Sr. M. Alphonsa, MSC, Anna Klocke
Born: September 22, 1902
First Profession: August 26, 1924
Died: September 10, 1981*

Sr. Alphonsa is the sister of Sr. M. Gertraud who is in the motherhouse at Vunapope.

Sr. Alphonsa came to the United States as a postulant in 1923. A teacher by profession, Sister taught in Philadelphia, Coaldale, Reading, Northampton, and Coplay. From 1948 to 1955, Sister was superior at the motherhouse, and after returning to teaching for a few years, again came to the motherhouse to assume the position of secretary in the provincialate as well as mission procurator for the province.

Sister gave herself totally to religious life -- she never did anything half-way. She was a most conscientious religious whose devotion to duty was boundless. Always selfless in offering her service to others, one of her most cherished duties was to make packages for the missionaries.

Last November, Sr. Alphonsa became aware of the seriousness of her condition. A model of patience during her suffering, she was always concerned not to cause any extra work for anyone, especially those on the infirmary staff. During her confinement, there was a steady trek of Sisters going to her room. She responded to the presence of her fellow sisters right up to the very end; when she could no longer speak to us, her facial expression told us that she could hear us speak to her. Sister had a great love of the Blessed Mother and a calmness came over her when she heard a prayer whispered to Mary.

We are certain that Sister found her real home with the Lord and believe that her love and loyalty to the congregation, so much a part of her during life, will continue in her new life as she prays for all of us.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday, September 14, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. followed by the burial in the convent cemetery.

In the love of the Lord,

Sr. Agnes Marie, M.S.C.

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