

January 7, 1996

"The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God, the King of Kings; the wise men saw the sign and brought their gifts in homage to their great King."

(First Vespers for the Feast of Epiphany)

Dear Sisters,

Around 4:00 p.m. on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany, Sister Angelis brought the gift of herself to the great King and paid Him homage. We hear in today's reading for the Feast of the Epiphany, "upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." For Sister Angelis this has become a full reality.



Sister M. Angelis - Gertrud Beyer
Born: February 11, 1901
First Profession: November 30, 1922
Died: January 6, 1996

Sister Angelis came to the United States in 1921 as a postulant and a few weeks later was received into the novitiate. After her first profession, Sister Angelis began fifty years of dedication to the education ministry as principal, superior, and teacher. She served in eleven of our parish schools. In 1973 when Sister retired from the education apostolate, she assumed responsibility for handling social security and medical insurance for the sisters for a period of six years. She then retired at St. Michael's.

In 1986, Sister suffered a severe stroke which left her unable to speak or walk, making her completely dependent on others for her care. It was certainly a time of purification.

Sister Angelis was a gifted educator, very capable both as teacher and principal. She had a special skill in teaching children Gregorian Chant. It was said that if you wanted to hear a "choir of angels" you could go to St. Peter's in Coplay and listen to the children taught by Sister Angelis. During her retirement years she also showed special skill as a seamstress. Many will remember the beautiful aprons she sewed.

Sister had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart and tried to spread this devotion by giving families pictures of the Sacred Heart and encouraging enthronement in the homes. She also was very devoted to the Eucharist, which is so much a part of our spirituality of the Heart. Only God knows how many silent prayers were lifted up to the Heart of God by Sister during her ten years of "silence".

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We are grateful to Sister Angelis for the 73 years of professed life which she gave in service to the church and to the community. On Tuesday, January 9, 1996, at 11:00 a.m., we will celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for her. As I write this death notice, the snow is quietly blanketing our property, a reminder of the quiet life of Sister Angelis, especially these past ten years.

United in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, M. S.C.