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"My lips will praise you, Lord, for sweeter than life is your merciful love".

Today's Liturgy of the Hours

Dear Sisters,

This morning at 6:45 a.m., very quietly and unexpectedly, the Lord called our dear Sister Arilda to himself.

Sister M. Arilda, MSC Gertrud Spork Born: April 24, 1900 First Profession: May 7, 1925 Died: January 22, 1985

Sister Arilda came to America as a postulant in 1924. Through the years she faithfully served in the apostolate of homemaking at St. Michael's, Hyde Park, Dayton and Columbus, Ohio, Wedron, Illinois, and Holy Family, Nazareth. In 1980 when her health began to fail, Sister came to St. Michael's to retire.

In February, last year, Sister was hospitalized for congestive heart failure. Then in November she fell and fractured her hip. Through this as well as the many other serious illnesses of her life, she always maintained her pleasant disposition and ready sense of humor which brought cheer to others. Her concern for others and her desire to be of service were evident to the very end. Her last words were concern for the health of the nurse caring for her.

Sister's life was lived in praise of the Lord. Now she will continue to praise Him in eternal joy forever!

The Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Friday, January 25th at 7:00 o.m. in the convent chapel. Internment will be on Saturday morning.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, M. S.C.