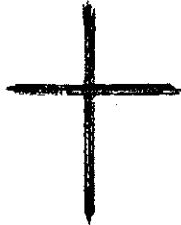


February 1, 1988

"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere."

Dear Sisters,

I began this letter with our motto since this wish and prayer was so much a part of our dear Sister Avelindis.



Sister M. Avelindis - Elizabeth Muehlenhoff
Born: March 17, 1898 in Westfalia, West Germany
First Profession: February 3, 1923
Entered into eternal life: January 30, 1988

Sister Avelindis came to the United States in 1923. In 1924, she went to Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, for her nurse's training. From then until 1974 she worked in the health care ministry in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown; St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, Georgia; Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville; Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown; Mt. Trexler, Limeport; and Villa St. Elizabeth. In 1974 she came to the motherhouse to retire.

In her years of nursing, she was an excellent supervisor and a real model as a religious and as a nurse. In her nursing career she was known for her willingness and openness to change. As innovations came in nursing practices and nursing education, she was heard to say, "It can be done." Simplicity and serenity characterized her life of prayer and her whole life as well.

Her great devotion to Mary gave her deep joy. Truly she lived in the presence of God. We will remember her as being most gentle, most loving, most gracious and grateful. So often she would say, "Thank you for being so good to me."

In the past years, Sister had several bouts with pneumonia. These last weeks she had a very bad chest cold. On Saturday at 8:50 A.M. she died of congestive heart failure. Early that morning Sister did not look well so Father was called. He anointed her and prayed the prayers for the dying. Sister Avelindis followed and answered these prayers, and after the last "Amen" added "Hail Mary" and died most peacefully.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 1988, the 66th anniversary of Sister Avelindis' reception day. February 3 would have been her 65th anniversary of profession.

Let us continue to be united with her in love and prayer as she celebrates these great events with her Lord and His mother forever and ever.

In the love of our Lord,

Sister MaryAnne