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"My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready."

(Morning Prayers - Ps. 57)

Dear Sisters,

Today at 1:10 p.m., Sister Cunegundis was called home, and as so many times in her lifetime, she responded once more with her final: "My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready."

Sr. M. Cunegundis, MSC
Maria Herzig
Born: January 7, 1892
First Profession: May 16, 1916
Died: October 22, 1981

Sr. Cunegundis came to the United States in 1920 about six months before her Final Profession. She served in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, Wellsburg, Wedron, Pottsville, Dayton, Brooklyn, Malvern, Geneva, and retired to the motherhouse infirmary in 1969.

Gifted in many ways, Sister used her gifts as best she could in the Lord's service. She had been called to initiate our MSC ministry in Knights of St. George Home, Wellsburg; in Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville; and in St. John's Home, Brooklyn. She was among the first group of seven pioneer Sisters who opened our health resort at St. Joseph's in Wedron.

The kindness, gentleness, and refinement of her whole being witnessed to the MSC charism of love. The Brothers of Mary are ever grateful to her for the many ways she made Christ's love present to them during her assignments with the Marianists. Until today, there are still some Brothers who inquire about her. The quiet and calm which was so much a part of her gave evidence of her constant "readiness" to do the Lord's will. During her many years spent in the infirmary, Sister's warm smile and ready acceptance of her physical condition endeared her to the staff and her fellow sisters.

Sister Cunegundis was on the sun-porch with the Sisters in the morning, and at noon, she was taken to her room to rest. A little while later, the Sister on duty checked in on her. She didn't look well. Sister attended to her and left the room. A few minutes later, she returned and Sister was dead. She had slipped out of this world as quietly as she had lived in it.

We are certain that Sister's readiness to make God's love present, so evident during her lifetime has not ended now, but rather has come to fulfillment. Surely we can expect that she will be interceding for us to grow in our charism. Let us, in turn, lovingly remember Sister in our prayers.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday, October 26th, at 4:00 p.m. followed by the burial in the convent cemetery.

United in His love,

Sr. Agnes Marie, M.S.C.

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