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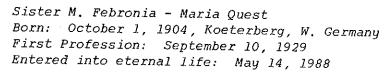
"As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you.

Live on in My love."

(John 15:9, Gospel of Saturday's liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

How the Lord must have loved our dear Sister Febronia, and how much she loved Him! Truly now she is living on in His love. Sister Febronia was called to her eternal reward on Saturday, May 14, at 9:30 p.m.



Sister Febronia came to the United States in 1931. She was a homemaker in every sense of the word. She served in several of our MSC houses: in Lansford, Northampton, 26 years in Villa St. Elizabeth, and 22 years in Wellsburg. In 1987 Sister Febronia came to St. Michael's.

Sister Febronia was a joyful person whose very being radiated happiness, peace and love. She had a deep concern for everyone, especially her Sisters in community, and proved this by her deeds, often at her own expense. Her vision of the Lord Jesus was one of gentleness and compassion. She lived her life in closeness to Him and in awareness of Him.

In the summer of 1986, Sister Febronia was diagnosed with cancer and had serious surgery. She recovered so well that she was able to stay in Wellsburg. The following year, when her symptoms began to recur, she came to the mother-house. In December, she had surgery again, rallied for a short time, and then grew progressively weaker.

In these past months, Sister Febronia suffered a great deal, but always without complaint. She was a tremendous example to all of us in her patient suffering, her peace, and contentment. Sister Febronia had a great love for our Blessed Mother and turned to her in every need. Therefore, it is fitting that Mary would come to relieve her of her sufferings on her day, Saturday, in the month of May.

Sister Febronia had a sister in our MSC community, Sister Ingrid. She died in 1962, also on May 14.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on Wednesday, May 18, at 4 p.m. Burial will follow in the convent cemetery.

In love and gratitude let us remember our dear Sister Febronia in our prayers.

In the love of our Lord,

Sister Marylune