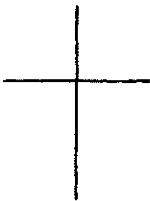


July 28, 1996

"Praise the Lord,
for His loving kindness will never fail."
(Morning Office for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Dear Sisters,

This morning around 8:30 a.m., Sister Kanute experienced that the Lord's kindness never fails. Sister had been declining quite visibly in the past few weeks, unable to communicate with those around her. Her death was not entirely unexpected.



Sister M. Kanute - Maria Schaetzle
Born: October 15, 1901 in Prechtal, Germany
First Profession: August 16, 1925
Died: July 28, 1996 in Reading, PA

Sister Kanute came to the United States in 1932, two years after her final profession. All her religious life she served as a homemaker. She served the Franciscans in Cincinnati, the Marianists in Brooklyn and Dayton, and then the MSC priests and brothers in Geneva. Her cooking skills were also used at the retreat house in Malvern. She spent six years in Coopersburg and ten years at Our Lady of Hungary, Northampton. She retired to St. Michael's in 1983 and joined Holy Family healthcare unit in 1990.

Sister suffered these past years from her inability to talk clearly and so her ability to communicate became very limited. The past few months she was not able to speak at all. Even trying to write notes was a difficult chore for her. It was sensed that this was a cause of interior suffering.

Sister Kanute interacted well with the parishioners at Our Lady of Hungary and she showed herself always interested in what was going on. She even kept herself informed on the activities of the local borough of Northampton. While at Coopersburg, she was well liked by the boys because she had time to listen to them and always showed them kindness. One of the boys, who later became a

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Benedictine priest, would visit her and inquire how she was doing. Sister Kanute also had a "green thumb" and loved nature. When she retired to the Motherhouse, she provided the sisters with many loaves of raisin bread which she delighted to make for them. All these kind qualities of Sister Kanute came out of a prayerful heart. She lived the Sacred Heart Spirituality.

We are grateful to Sister Kanute for her 70 years as a Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart. She is now able to communicate heart to heart, no longer in need of the spoken word. We trust that Sister will take the needs of our province to the Heart of Jesus.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1996, at 3:30 p.m., we will celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for her, after which she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

Yours in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, MSC