

"Lord, when the time comes that I have to die, I shall place my hand in yours, trusting you to take me to yourself forever. Help me to see this as my truest coming to life. Death is going home to the Father as Jesus did."

Dear Sisters,

This was a prayer that Sister Magdalenis prayed daily during her life. Today at 1:00 p.m. she placed her hand in the hand of the Lord as He took her to Himself forever.



Sister M. Magdalenis - Maria Schotteck
Born: September 10, 1902 in Gelsenkirchen, W. Germany
First Profession: November 30, 1922
Entered into Eternal Life: September 5, 1989

In 1921 Sister Magdalenis said good bye to her recently widowed mother and came with the first group of postulants to the United States. She spent 59 years in the teaching apostolate in Northampton, Nazareth, Lansford, St. Joseph's in Athens, Slatington, Palmerton and Hilltown. In 1982 she came to the motherhouse to retire. In her many years of teaching she had a great influence on her students and is fondly remembered by them. Many of them have kept in touch with her over the years. As recently as last week some of her former students came to visit her in the infirmary.

Sister Magdalenis was a very happy, gentle and loving person. She was very conscientious and faithful to her duties. She had a great love for the Sacred Heart and her prayer embraced individuals and their needs as well as the Church and the world. Another of her favorite prayers was this one: "Herr, lass mich Magdalena sein, in Demut und in Reue; Herr, lass mich Magdalena sein, in Liebe und in Treue." - "Lord let me be a Magdalena, in humility and in contrition; Lord, let me be a Magdalena in love and in fidelity."

In April of 1986 Sister Magdalenis was diagnosed with cancer. She went through a series of treatments and was able to be up and around and continued to do little things around the convent. She knew that her illness was incurable and she accepted it calmly and serenely. In these years, in her own quiet way she prepared herself for her going home and had requested that no extraordinary means be used to prolong her life. The great desire of her life was to become what God wanted her to be, that is, a saint. She certainly radiated God's love and peace to us.

In the last few weeks, Sister Madgalenis became progressively weaker. She knew that her life on earth was coming to an end and she prepared accordingly.

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For the last few days Sister Magdalenis had excruciating pain but she bore it patiently. This afternoon at 1:00 p.m., accompanied by the prayers of our Sisters she peacefully entered into the joy of the Lord. We will continue to be united with our dear Sister Magdalenis through our love and our prayer.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for her on Friday, September 8 at 3:30 p.m. and the burial in our convent cemetery will follow.

In the love of our Lord,

Sister MaryAnne