

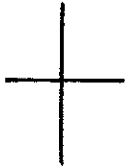
November 23, 1992

"The Bridegroom is here; go out to welcome Him."

(Monday evening Vespers)

Dear Sisters,

This evening around 10:00 P.M., Sister Marie Rene went to meet her Bridegroom who reached out to welcome her. Over the past several weeks, Sister Rene showed signs of getting weaker. These last few days, sisters took turns watching and praying at her bedside along with Sister Laura, SSCM, her blood sister. The day Sister died she seemed to have no pain, was alert when awake, and was very peaceful. She just quietly left us for heaven.



Sister Marie Rene - Mary Bycosky  
Born: February 20, 1905 in Lansford, Pa.  
First Profession: December 1, 1923  
Died: November 23, 1992 in Reading, Pa.

Sister Rene knew a four-year purifying process brought on by a massive stroke in September of 1988 which left her paralyzed on the right side. How frustrating it must have been for her not to be able to express her needs in speech or writing. Since Sister was mentally clear and alert, it must have taken tremendous patience, faith and resignation to bear this handicap. However, Sister Rene always maintained an interest in hearing news about community events and world news. By a nod of the head she would promise to pray for someone or for world situations and needs.

Sister Rene's ministry for many years was to priests and seminarians in Columbus, Dayton, and Worthington, Ohio. She continued her work of homemaker in many of our school stations in St. Peter's, Coplay; St. John's, Allentown; St. Henry's, Philadelphia; Assumption, Slatington; SS. Cyril & Methodius, Reading; and in Coopersburg. She also ministered in each of our hospitals in the dietary or laundry departments. One of the administrators of Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown remarked that Sacred Heart had the cleanest linen in the country because of Sister Rene's care. Sister finally retired to Holy Family in 1987 after sixty-three years of ministry.

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In today's Gospel, Jesus praised the widow who put into the treasury just "two copper coins" but which was all she had. Rene, too, lived a life in which she gave all she had. Surely, Jesus welcomed His bride.

On Saturday, November 28, at 11:00 A.M., we shall celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection for Sister. She will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery. We are grateful to Sister Rene for her many years of loving presence to us.

United in the love of Jesus,

*Sister Teresita, M.S.C.*

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