

July 14, 1984

"Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as
dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love him."
(Reading from the Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayer)

Dear Sisters,

Early this morning at 1:35 a.m. Our Lord came to take our dear
Sister Mary Adelaide home to himself. Now she knows and sees what He has prepared
for those who love him.



Sister Mary Adelaide, M.S.C. (Adelheidis)
Elizabeth Winkelsett
Born: April 22, 1907
First Profession: February 3, 1928
Died: July 14, 1984 in Reading, Pa.

Sister Mary Adelaide came to America in 1927. From 1929 until 1966 Sister spent
her life cooking in many of our institutions, our school missions and our Motherhouse
kitchen. Sister excelled in the meals she prepared, but more importantly through her
presence, she brought Our Lord's love and kindness to those with whom she lived and
worked. Years of Sister's apostolic life were spent with our MSC Fathers in
Geneva, Illinois and Shelby, Ohio. Her selfless dedication and gentle, loving ways
bore a strong, lasting influence on many of the priests and brothers. Over the
years they have continued to keep in contact with her.

From 1966 until 1980 Sister served as a patient visitor in Good Samaritan
Hospital, Pottsville. Her own health had failed considerably by this time. During
these years she brought many individuals to experience God's love in their lives.

In 1979 Sister underwent surgery for a malignancy. Our Lord asked for a total
surrender. Because of her illness Sister came to the Motherhouse in 1980. She
continued to serve her Sisters as seamstress. Again her loving gentleness was
evidenced as she attended to each one's needs.

In March of this year Sister was hospitalized and learned that the malignancy
had spread throughout her body. Since that time she has influenced all of us by
her patient, loving acceptance of her suffering. Over the past weeks she spoke
frequently of preparing to meet her loving Father who would be coming for her soon.
"Whatever he wants", was her constant response. During her last days Sister suffered
much. Someone was with her at all times. Early this morning Our Lady, whom she
loved dearly, released her of her suffering while Sister and the nurses prayed at
her bedside.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday, July 16th, at 7:00 p.m.
Sister has promised to pray for all of us. During the General Chapter she offered
her sufferings for that intention. Let us continue to be united with her in our
prayers.

In the love of Our Lord,
Sister M. Agnes Flatley, M.S.C.