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"My heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready"
(Morning Prayers - Wednesday)

Dear Sisters,

The Lord found Sr. Mary Rose ready today as he called her to himself at 2:40 p.m.



Sister Mary Rose. MSC
Rose Gombosh
Born: June 26, 1909
first Profession: August 26, 1928
Died: July 29, 1986

Sr. Mary Rose was born in Palmerton, Pa. and entered our Congregation as an aspirant on September 5, 1923. From 1929 until 1974, Sister taught in our schools in Northampton, Pottsville, Reading, Lansford, Coplay, Haycock, Philadelphia, Hilltown, and Limeport. In 1974, Sister ministered in Villa St. Elizabeth and in 1975 until 1977, in St. Michael's. In 1977, she returned to part-time teaching in Lansford. From 1979 until 1981, Sister was receptionist in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown--- then returned to school as tutor. Due to poor health, Sister retired in 1984. By November of 1985, her health had failed so much that she came to our infirmary. It was only in the early part of June of this year that Sister was diagnosed as having widespread abdominal metastases.

Quiet and unassuming, Sister made every effort to surrender to the Lord's will for her in everything. She often said: "Whatever He wants!". She suffered throughout her life from multiple allergies as well as various other physical disorders, but she tried always to maintain a pleasant disposition and remain firm in her joyful surrender to the Lord. Artistic and creative, Sister made classes quite interesting for her students. The students loved her for the individual care and concern she showed each of them. Firmly believing that the Lord was always calling us to growth in Him, Sister read everything she could to keep up with the current movement in the Church. Change, to her, was a fact of life and a sign of growth which she wholeheartedly embraced.

Today, Sister came to the biggest change and most intense and complete growth she will ever make as she moved into eternal happiness with the Lord. Her final union with Him came peacefully and quietly. Father Dillon anointed her around 2:00 p.m. and Sister breathed her last at 2:40 p.m. Sister was truly ready for this greatest surrender into the arms of her Beloved.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Sister on Friday, August 1st at 11:00 a.m. Let us stay united with our dear Sister in prayer.

Sister Agnes Marie

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