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"In the morning let me know your love
for I put my trust in you."
(Psalm 143 from the Morning Office)

Dear Sisters,

All through her life Sister Veronis knew well the love that God had for her, and around 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon she came to know it in its fullness.



Sister M. Veronis - Emma Wenegeler
Born: November 16, 1893
First Profession: February 3, 1923
Entered into eternal life: June 1, 1989

A month after her first profession, Sister Veronis came to the United States. Shortly after her arrival, she began her 44 years of service to the Marianists. Sister spent ten years as infirmarian and sacristan at the University of Dayton and then 34 years in the same work at Mt. St. John, Dayton, caring for the brothers and scholastics. Just last year some Brothers inquired about Sister Veronis. They remembered her kindness in caring for them.

In 1967 Sister retired to St. Michael's where she was still able to do some light housework, but then in 1976 she went to Villa St. Elizabeth where she joined the retired community. In 1987 when her condition made it necessary for her to have nursing supervision, she came to Holy Family Center.

Sister Veronis was noted for her gentle, kind, loving, and helpful disposition. Whenever there was a need and she was able to help, she responded joyfully. She always showed a concern for other people, being very observant of where she could help. Her face radiated joy when you caught her attention in spite of her not being able to hear.

During the last years of her life, sister spent many hours in chapel. She enjoyed reading which fed her contemplative and Eucharistic heart. Her spirit of prayer showed itself in her deep gratitude for life. She would say, "God has been so good to me. It is a grace to grow old but it is not always easy." Even though handicapped for many years with very poor hearing, she felt it was better to be deaf than not to see and enjoyed being at recreation with the sisters.

Sister had been gradually growing weaker over the past months. After she finished her meal, she slumped over in the chair. The priest was called to anoint her and pray for her. Sister Agnesis stayed with sister while she very peacefully entered the Lord's presence. Sister Agnesia said she never saw such a beautiful death, so peaceful and quiet.

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MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE MOST SACRED HEART

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for Sister on Monday, June 5, at 3:30 p.m. followed by the burial in our convent cemetery. Let us remain united with our dear Sister Veronis in love and prayer.

United in Jesus,

Sister Teresita