

July 14, 1993

"Those who sow in tears will reap in joy."

(Evening Vespers)

Dear Sisters,

This evening at 9:10 P.M., Sister Vincianne exchanged a life in this "valley of tears" for a life of joy in heaven. Almost two weeks ago, Sister Vincianne was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital where she had to undergo surgery. She expressed a readiness to accept whatever the outcome might be. She was not able to rally after the surgery. A movement of the eyes or a pressure of the hand was the extent of her response. It is hard for us to grasp the reality of Sister Vincianne's death since we remember her as one of the retired who was up and around.



Sister M. Vincianne - Mary Karabinos  
Born: November 20, 1911 in Lansford, PA  
First Profession: August 26, 1931  
Died: July 14, 1993 in Reading, Pa.

Sister Vincianne was associated with the community since her grade school days in Lansford. She left her family in 1925 to join the Aspirancy so it is almost 70 years that she has been with us.

Sister began her teaching ministry in 1932 at SS. Cyril & Methodius in Bethlehem and subsequently taught in Palmerton, Philadelphia (St. Henry's and Little Flower), Allentown, Haycock, and Northampton. She served as superior, principal, administrator at Sacred Heart Home in Coopersburg, and as Director of Sisters in Temporary Vows.

She retired to St. Michael's in Reading in 1983 and four years later found it necessary to join Holy Family Community as her physical condition worsened. Sister suffered from multiple ailments and severe arthritis, making it difficult for her to move around.

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However, she continued to serve others in her simple way. She read to the visually handicapped sisters and prepared the schedule indicating the pages for the Liturgy of the Hours.

Sister Vincianne accepted all the difficulties of aging and poor health with a resignation which characterized her entire life. A life of deep prayer sustained her. Just before surgery, she prayed for her family, her MSC sisters, the church, and the world.

We thank Sister Vincianne for the gift of her life and for her ministry in the church. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday, July 17, 1993, at 3:30 P.M. in St. Michael's chapel. She will then be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

One in the Heart of Jesus,

*Sister Teresita, MSC*

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