

"May we who now celebrate your gift find joy in it
forever in heaven."
(Easter Tuesday Liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

On Easter Sunday God our loving Father called Sister Seraphia to the joys of heaven. Now, only two days later He has invited our dear Sister Wedegunda to the same.

Sister M. Wedegunda, M.S.C.
Catharina Osterheider
Born: June 6, 1900 in Peingdorf, Germany
First Profession: February 3, 1928
Died: April 21, 1981 in Reading, Pennsylvania

Sister Wedegunda came to the United States as a novice in 1927. She attended Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing and worked as a Nursing Supervisor from 1930 to 1971 in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, St. Mary's. Athens, Good Samaritan, Pottsville and Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown. She was a good nurse and even till now her former co-workers and patients ask about her.

In 1971 Sister came to St. Michael's where she did night duty in our infirmary until about a year ago when she retired from nursing. She continued however, to do small jobs around the motherhouse.

Sister Wedegunda was especially good at doing beautiful needlework. She was always very generous with this talent and enjoyed teaching it to others.

Sister's death came as a shock to all of us. Although she had diabetes for a number of years, her life was a full and active one. About a week ago she mentioned some sudden changes in her eyesight. The doctor first thought that her loss of vision was due to the diabetes, but studies showed she had a slight stroke. On Wednesday of Holy Week she was admitted to St. Joseph's hospital. Two days later she suffered a severe heart attack. Today at noon, without regaining consciousness, she died.

In love and prayer, especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, let us remember our dear Sister Wedegunda.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Friday at 4:00 p.m. followed by the burial in the convent cemetery.

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