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"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." (Resp. Verse from the Liturgy for the Conversion of St. Paul)

Dear Sisters,

This morning around 12:25 A.M, God welcomed Sister Wenefred into His eternal Kingdom. He received her as a missionary of His love. Through her life of loving presence to us, through her ministry of teaching, and through her life of prayer and sacrifice, she "went out to all the world and proclaimed the Good News." Sister died as peacefully as she lived.

Sister M. Wenefred - Anna Schueltingkemper Born: September 29, 1897 in Gescher, Germany

First Profession: August 26, 1924 Died: January 25, 1994 in Reading, PA

Sister Wenefred came to the United States as a postulant in 1923. After her novitiate, she began her teaching ministry which covered a span of 52 years as teacher and nine as teacher aide. The following parishes were blessed by her presence: St. Michael's, Lansford; SS. Cyril and Methodius', Coaldale; St. John's, Allentown; St. Henry's, Philadelphia; St. Joseph's, Lebanon, Illinois; Our Lady of Hungary, Northampton.

In addition to teaching, Sister spent many hours decorating altars and washing church linens to make God's house a fitting place for worship. Her sewing skills were also utilized by many. She was always ready to help anyone with anything.

After spending 36 years at St. Henry's, it became necessary for her to retire. It was very difficult for her to leave school ministry, but, as always, Sister accepted God's will for her. She spent two years at Villa St. Elizabeth and then joined Holy Family Center in 1988.

Sister Wenefred was a very even-tempered person, bringing joy in her quiet way. All who lived with her experienced her kindness and generosity. She was always grateful for anything done for her.

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The evening Sister died, she thanked the nurse who bathed her and prepared her for the night. "You get an A+", she said. "Tomorrow I'm going to eat everything on my tray so I become strong." That tomorrow never came for her on this earth. Jesus, for whom she lived, welcomed her into His home.

Sister would have celebrated her 70th jubilee this year. We thank her for her gift of revealing God's love to us and to all whom she served. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Friday, January 28, 1994, at 3:30 P.M. After that, she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, MIC