



Sister Mary Caridad

In the early morning of September 8, the feast of the Birth of Mary, God called our Sister Mary Caridad to Himself. Sister Mary Caridad came to Mount Grace in 1950 after her first profession. She left in 1963 to return to the Philippines via our motherhouse in Steyl. In 1967 she returned to the U.S. and since 1970 had been back at Mount Grace. Sister was an excellent bookkeeper and served in this capacity for many years. Everything she did--bookkeeping, sacristy work or running our card department--was done with top-notch excellence and exactness. All for the Sacred Heart; her first love. Sister was in her 67th year of religious life and would have been 90 on September 27.



Sister Mary Walburgis

This year we celebrated the 90th birthday of Sister Mary Walburgis. We do not know who had more fun, the birthday celebrant or the other Sisters who decorated and entertained the community.

August 13 came with great festivity as we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Sister Lourdes Maria. After entering in the Philippines, Sister was transferred to Mount Grace in 1993. Reverend Robert Evans, whom Sister Lourdes Maria prayed for as a seminarian, celebrated the ceremony in the presence of her loved ones and family members from all over the country. May the Lord continue to bless our dear Sister with his gifts of fidelity and joy.



Sister Lourdes Maria

You and your loved ones

will be remembered in our

Advent and Christmas liturgies

from

December 16-24

and

December 26-January 3,

and

in our Eucharistic Liturgies

on

Christmas Day.

In the love of the Infant Christ,

Sister Mary Catherine

and Sisters

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In Our Past is Our Future...



*Mother Mary Michael
Co-Foundress*

“This is how the Holy Spirit works in souls--slowly, quietly, but steadily and peacefully.”

On January 7 we will celebrate the 150th birthday of our Co-Foundress, Mother Mary Michael. Mother Mary Michael guided the first steps of our Congregation in the spirituality and vision of our Founder, St. Arnold Janssen. She was the one who chose the Roman Breviary for our liturgical prayer, began exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for our adoration, and founded the first convents in the United States, Germany, China, and the Philippines. She showed us by her example what it means to be a Contemplative-Missionary in the Heart of the Church.

We are grateful for your prayers for our 11th General Chapter this past June. The theme for our Chapter was “Contemplative-Missionaries with Mary in the Heart of the Church, in renewed fidelity to our Constitutions.” In light of this and in the spirit of Mother Mary Michael, our newly-elected Superior General is calling us to live out our vocation and mission more fully. We ask your ongoing prayers for our religious Congregation as we strive to live our vocation with ever-greater fidelity and for our newly-elected Superior General, Mother Maria Elizabeth.



*Mother Maria Elizabeth
6th Superior General*

“The great merit of Mary was saying ‘yes’ to God and remaining faithful to this ‘yes’ even in the face of the cross.”