

SISTER MARY ADELE WIECZORKOWSKI

Sister Mary Adele, Virginia Wieczorkowski, died unexpectedly on February 10, 2010 in St. Margaret Household of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Convent, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania at the age of 85 years, 67 of which were spent as a Felician Sister.



One of fourteen children born to Teofil and Mary (Kajzyerkowski) Wieczorkowski, she grew up in Alpena, Michigan as a member of St. Mary Parish. Sister acknowledged that the seed of her vocation was planted by the Felician Sisters whom she admired from a very young age. Even before she entered grade school, Sister Adele expressed a desire to be like “the two kind and smiley” sisters who took an interest in her. She entered the Congregation in 1942. In 1945 she made her first vows and professed her final vows in 1951 in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province in Livonia, Michigan.

In the 1950’s sister was among a group of Felician Sisters from Livonia, Michigan who were assigned to minister in the quickly growing province of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

In 1961, Sister Mary Adele chose to remain as a permanent member of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Province.

Sister’s professional studies were in the teaching field. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan and a Masters in Education from Duquesne University. She served as principal and teacher in the Pennsylvania dioceses of Greensburg, Altoona-Johnstown, Erie, Pittsburgh, and in Wheeling, West Virginia and Cleveland, Ohio.

After a successful teaching career of primary grades, Sister Mary Adele pursued work at St. Joseph Hospital and Nursing Home, Port Charlotte, Florida as a pastoral minister. For nearly 10 years her compassionate care won the hearts of the elderly.

In 1998, Sister Mary Adele returned to Coraopolis to share her gifts through internal ministry to the Sisters of St. Joseph Hall Infirmary. She served as an aide to the local minister and was part of the chauffeur team.

Sister Mary Adele was blessed with a peaceful and humorous disposition. In her retirement she manifested those traits as she continued to chauffeur sisters to appointments, shopping or other errands.

Sister was devoted to the ministry of prayer. Only on rare occasions when duty called did she absent herself from common exercises. She was faithful to daily adoration and had a great devotion to the Merciful Christ.

While Sister Mary Adele enjoyed reasonably good health, a few weeks prior to her demise, she admitted to not feeling well. When Sister Death came to her it is possible to believe that she welcomed her arrival and accompanied her willingly into the presence of the God to whom she gave her whole life. May she rest in peace!