

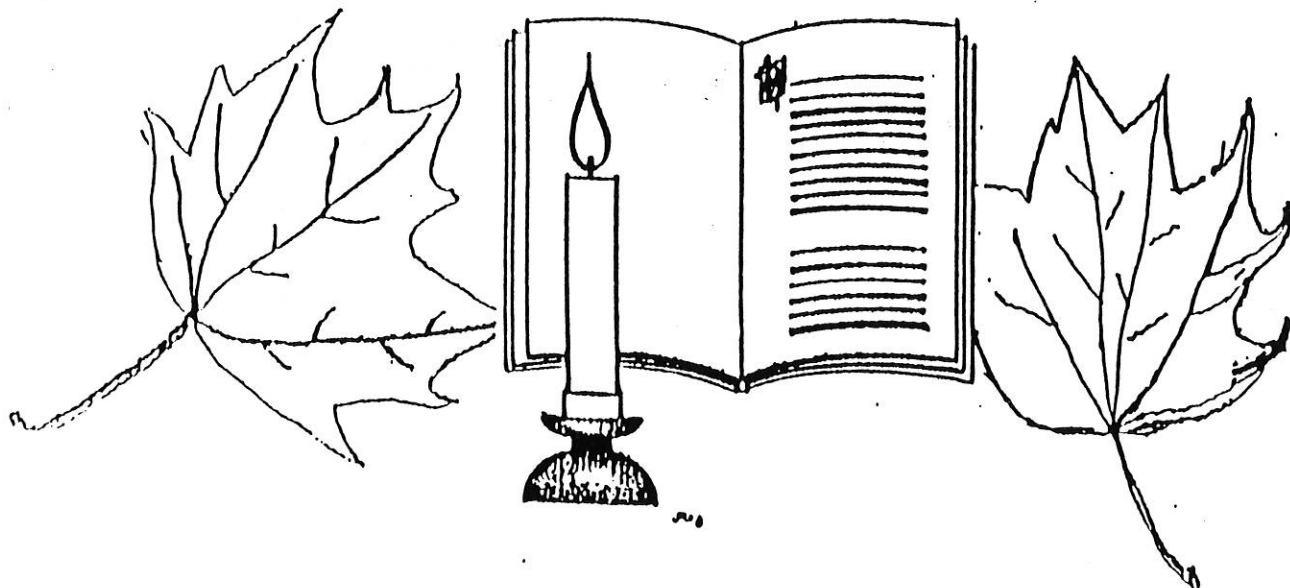
October 21, 1996

Dear Sisters:

The autumn leaves were a reminder of "a life lived out" as we walked to our Victory Noll cemetery this morning. Sister Genevieve Whitehead was laid to rest as ten members of her family, friends, our Sisters from the missions and Victory Noll were led in prayer by Father Thomas Fahey. Then there was the traditional WE HAVE A HOLY MOTHER.

Sister Genevieve was born February 20, 1905 in Anderson, Indiana to Elmer and Martha Collins Whitehead. She was received May 17, 1925 into Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Congregation. She was the thirtieth young woman to enter this "new community." She made vows in 1927. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Elizabeth Whitmore and Eleanore Whitehead and a brother, James Whitehead. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Kay (William) Howard of Anderson.

Sister Genevieve has ministered in the field of religious education in the states of New Mexico, Indiana, California, Arizona, Alabama and Colorado for forty-two years. She ministered twenty more years to our Sisters in Denver as a homemaker and serving in other interesting capacities with zeal and generosity. Many people over those years have been touched by the Word of God through a faithful messenger! Many others have felt her prayers, support and the enjoyment of her culinary gifts!



In 1990 Sister Genevieve came to Victory Noll and became a minister to the sick and the entire community benefited from her thoughtfulness.

For two years or so Sister Genevieve has been poorly. She has enjoyed her family's visits and has been very peaceful. For several days the past week she has been very weak. Sisters were with her two nights praying. Sister Monica Haines, Sister Mary Helen Rogers and the nurse were with her when she died. That was 1:45 Friday afternoon, October 18, 1996, just as we were returning to the afternoon session of our regional meeting. We gathered near her room and prayed for her.

The rosary was prayed at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Some friends and family arrived for the wake service that evening. Many stories were told by sisters and family of sharing the good life with Sister Genevieve.

Sister entered a marathon race, at 77 years of age, to help raise funds for a charitable cause in Colorado. She persevered to the finish line. A picture of her was taken as she crossed that line. The picture was on the memorial board that Sister Evelyn Marie Davis had arranged of special recollections of Sister's life.

Father Fahey celebrated Mass of the Resurrection Monday morning. His beautiful homily explained to us why we are celebrating: Resurrection is the victory of Jesus. Now there is the victory of Sister Genevieve. She kept the faith, kept the candle lit, kept the Baptismal robe. Therefore, we celebrate.

Sister Genevieve, you deserved to celebrate your victory as a Servant of God, imitating St. Zita and making life easier for others.

Thank you, Sister. May you rest in Peace of God.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Marjorie Curran
General Secretary