



May 12, 1997

Dear Sisters:

"This is what the Yahwah asks of you, only this:
To act justly, to love tenderly
And to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Sister Monica Gogin died April 26, 1997 in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana about six o'clock in the evening. Sister Martha Wordeman and David Power, a nephew, were with her. This Logos was a request of hers for the program of The Liturgy of Christian Burial.

Sister Monica was born June 14, 1911, Osnabrock, North Dakota to John Sherman and Margaret (Sabnaw) Gogin. Sister's parents are deceased. She was also preceded in death by two sisters Nora K. Gogin and Thyna (Gogin) Power and one brother James Sherman Gogin. Survivors include one sister Erma (Gogin) Fleming in California and nieces and nephews.

Sister Monica entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Congregation March 12, 1938 and made first vows August 5, 1940. She ministered in our mission centers in Indiana, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, California and Ohio. She was a religious education teacher and pastoral minister.

Sister experienced a cardiac arrest during an angioplasty in 1989. She felt she could not do much in her ministry to the sick so she prepared to return to Victory Noll. The parish, St. Philomena's, Carson, California was quick to arrange a farewell reception in appreciation of the pastoral services they had enjoyed for ten years. In letters of thanks to Father O'Toole and the parishioners she notes:

"In many ways these years have been the best: best pastor among many good pastors, cooperative associates, most unique parish family enriching us from their many cultures, faithful dedicated people, a loving affirming staff and the inspiration gathered from many suffering, prayerful, cheerful patients/spouses and caregivers, your parish power house of prayer."



"On our Pilgrimage back to the Father all our needs are met in the Eucharist. Thanks for all that has been: yes to all that will be."

Sister Monica has earned the respect of her sisters these years in the missions and at Victory Noll. As sisters spoke Tuesday evening during the Wake Service of living in community she seems to have modeled the Scripture quote very closely.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial was Wednesday, April 30, David Power of Farmington, Michigan and his two sisters, Mary K. Shelton of Detroit and Maureen Power of Lexington, Michigan were present. The liturgies had been planned very well by Sister Monica. She suggested participants and chose hymns and readings.

Father Thomas Fahey was celebrant. Sister Rita Musante gave the reflection on the readings and left us with serious thoughts from Sister Monica to us. "Earthen Vessels," "We are Many Parts," "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart," "One Bread, One Body" and "We Remember" were all a part of the musical selections she made. The Readings were Micah 6:8, 2 Peter 3:13 and Gospel of John 14: 1 - 3.

The christian symbol placed on the casket was Sister's bible.

The recessional began in chapel with "Sing to the Mountains." The Service in the Cemetery closed with "We Have a Holy Mother."

Sister Monica, you have followed the Words of God and Micah so well. You have shown us the way to act and to love and to walk humbly with our God. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Sister Marjorie Curran
General Secretary