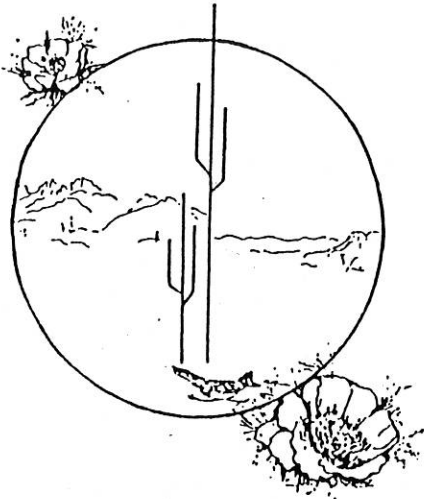


March 11, 1994.



"In every art, there is something incommunicable that belongs to genius, in the divine art there is something incommunicable and infinite that belongs only to God."

- Archbishop Luis Martinez

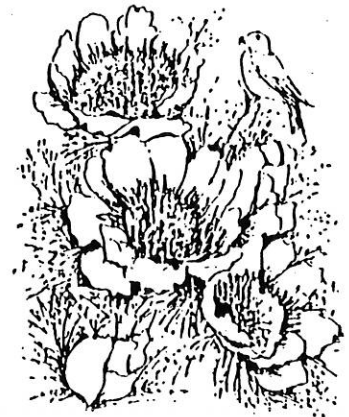
Dear Sisters and Associates:

It was on Thursday morning about 11:45 (March 3, 1994) that God claimed another of His divine art and called, "Come", to Sister Geraldine Christ. Sister Mary Rita Windolph was praying at the bedside, when quietly Sister answered. Sister Monica Haines and nurses were near and immediately it was announced to the community that Sister had passed away. Sisters turned to the chapels to pray the rosary.

Sister Geraldine was born July 19, 1915, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, to Adam and Mary Naomi Leidig Crist. She was the fifth child of a family of two sisters and six brothers. She was baptized in Corpus Christi Church in Chambersburg and attended the parish parochial school. She graduated from Chambersburg Public High School.

Sister Geraldine entered the Victory Noll community on January 30, 1940 and celebrated her golden anniversary of vows on August 5, 1990 at Victory Noll. During her years in the missions of Kentucky, Michigan, California, Arizona and New Mexico, Sister was involved in religious education. She also had made contributions in the field of art. One of her charcoal paintings of Mary and the Child won first prize at Huntington's art show. Many people have tasted and enjoyed her gift of culinary art. Picture Rocks Retreat in Arizona sold her works of drawing on greeting cards and stationery in their gift shop. We have captured here some of those with the Arizona atmosphere.

During some of the years of her stay at Victory Noll, suffering from arthritis, she was able to take part in various community activities and worked at her paintings and card making. She helped Sister Mary Genevieve care for her mother. Since 1985 the severe arthritis became disabling. Her crippling hands were no longer capable of handling the pen and brush. Walking was difficult. Physical therapy and stronger medication did not help the condition and she began to have heart problems. The last



few months Sister Geraldine was a bed patient and was very limited in being able to help herself.

Our Sisters from Victory Noll and Fort Wayne and some of the relatives were gathered at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday on the first floor of Holy Family to meet the body. Office for the Dead and rosary were prayed.

The wake service that evening opened with Earthen Vessels. The stories of mission days by the Sisters and the recollections of Martin, a nephew, from his childhood were unanimous in picturing Sister Geraldine as a life-giving person. Her sense of humor, cheerful attitude, hearty laugh and story-telling were all remembered. Martin pointed out the hymn, Take My Hands, as what his aunt stood for in his mind. A reception followed in the activity room and was an opportunity for family and Sisters to see the arrangement of Sister's art pieces. Sister Evelyn Marie's display of pictures of a few events in Sister's religious life with meaningful quotes was appreciated. From there the words from Archbishop Martinez's writings by which we opened this letter were taken.

Francis Crist, the only surviving member of the immediate family had arrived Monday morning. Father Fahey celebrated the Liturgy at 10:30. Eye Has Not Seen, Those Who See Light and Prayer of St. Francis were among the musical selections at the beautiful Mass.

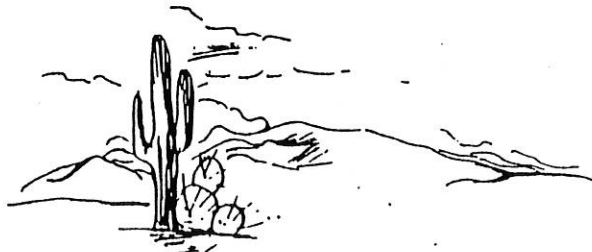
Though it began as a rainy day, it was pleasant walking to the cemetery for the final prayers and the singing of We Have A Holy Mother.

All came to the dining rooms for a delicious meal with wine.

We thank God for Sister Geraldine's gifts. Thank you, Sister Geraldine and family for sharing.

Attending the funeral from outside of Victory Noll were: Francis Crist, a brother of Grantsville, Utah; Martin Crist, Jr., a nephew, and his wife, Beatrice of Greencastle, Pennsylvania; Peggy Woltz, a niece, and her daughter, of Columbus, Ohio; Sisters Grace Golenberke, Rose Zita Rosonke, Angeline Walczyk, Martha Wordeman and Rita Musante of Fort Wayne and Helen Eisenhauer of Huntington.

*Sister Marjorie Curran*



Sr. Geraldine Crist O.L.V.M.