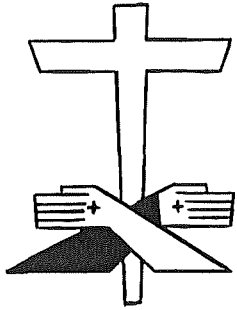


Sister M. Ignatia Adkins (Maria Adkins)

Sister Ignatia Adkins was born in Breckenridge, Minnesota on January 22, 1913. Her parents were George and Maria O'Kane Adkins. Sister Ignatia entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara, New York in 1937, and professed her vows on August 17, 1939.

She served as a housekeeper and cook in O'Neill, Nebraska, Marycrest, Denver, Colorado and Holy Rosary and St. Francis Missions, South Dakota. She died June 6, 1968 and is buried in the Sisters' plot in Minot, North Dakota.



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Dear Sisters,

Today we laid Sister Ignatia Adkins to rest in the Sisters' plot at Minot, North Dakota. The concelebrated liturgy through which we bid her farewell, for a short time only, had as chief celebrant her brother, Father Joseph Adkins. Her father said to us "thank you for taking care of my girl and bringing her back to me."

Sister Ignatia entered the convent at Stella Niagara, but made her first Profession at St. Elizabeth's church in Denver, Colorado. She spent her life humbly and honestly trying to help the poor. She spent time at the South Dakota Indian Missions, and her last years at St. Elizabeth's in Denver. She never expected or asked for gratitude for the numberless services, hidden though they were, to others. We have only begun to realize that during the last five years of her life, pain had become her almost constant companion. About three months ago she developed a very serious nerve involvement which became progressively worse. Her last two months were months of most acute suffering, and on June 6th Christ joined her to Himself in the final consummation of the promises she had made to Him--for better or for worse she had kept them.

And so man goes on in his pain redeeming his fellow man in Christ. Sister Ignatia went to her cross which we are sure was absorbed into that great redeeming Cross of Christ. And the joy of it all is that His Cross turned into a glorious triumphant resurrection where all pain has been turned into love. If His cross became His resurrection so we know the cross of Sister Ignatia is now also the joy of her resurrection.

Devotedly,

Mother Muriel and the Sisters at
Marycrest