

August 14, 2000

Dear Sisters, Associates, Family and Friends of Sister Angela,

On Friday, August 11, 2000, the Feast of St. Clare, Sister Angela Korte quietly went to meet her Lord in her 50th year of religious profession. Angela had suffered for months with cancer. Sister Jane Schneider, along with other sisters who visited Minot from time to time, attended to Angela's needs during her illness. Family was very important to her and they visited her often during the last four months of her hospitalization. Her brother, Rev. Ed Korte said Mass at her bedside several times.

Agnes Laverne Korte was born November 4, 1929, in Lansford, North Dakota, to Arthur Edward and Evelyn Maria (Billadeau) Korte. She was the fourth child of eight in the family. Her parents and three children preceded her in death. Angela is survived by two sisters and two brothers. One brother is a priest of the Bismarck, North Dakota Diocese. There are numerous nieces, grand-nieces and nephews.

In 1948, Agnes Laverne entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Marycrest, Denver, Colorado. She never looked back. She had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother and a rosary was her constant companion, especially during the last days of her illness.

Angela graduated from Regis College in Denver with a B.S. degree in August 1959. She attended ten other colleges and universities throughout the years.

On August 17, 1959, Angela made her first Profession of Vows and celebrated her Golden Profession this year. Angela's ministry was mainly in elementary school teaching in South Dakota, Colorado and Nebraska. Some of her ministry included hospital administration. When the sisters opened a House of Prayer in Denver, Angela was one of the first sisters to minister there. Her last position was Pastoral Assistant at Little Flower Catholic Church, Minot, where she served since 1996.

Angela was a private person, but outgoing, always friendly, gentle and wise. She was an organized person and loved to move pictures, furniture and kitchen supplies so that they were in the "perfect place". She will be remembered by family and the sisters for interior decorating talents.

The vigil prayer service and Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Little Flower Church. She was buried on August 14, 2000, the Feast of Maximilian Kolby and the vigil of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, in the Sister's plot at Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot, North Dakota. The Very Rev. Paul Zipfel, Bishop of Bismarck Diocese attended. Celebrants of the Liturgy were Rev. Edward Korte, Rev. Paul Cervinski and Rev. Paul Becker concelebrating. Other priests of the Diocese were also present. Numerous family members, associates, Sisters of St. Francis and friends were present.

Angela was a holy woman, a woman of the Church and a woman of great faith. Her example of quiet effectiveness has enriched us all. She will be deeply missed.

Sincerely,

The Sisters of St. Elizabeth's Community  
Minot, North Dakota