

Wichita, April 1975

Dear Sisters,

Kindly remember in your prayers our sister, SISTER EUPHRASIA FAUS, who passed Away about one o'clock this morning, April 9, 1975. She was 80 years old and had spent More than 54 years as a professed member of our congregation.

The daughter of Lundy Boyd Faus and Emily Elizabeth Faus, Sister Euphrasia was Born in Waterloo, Iowa, on August 23, 1894, and as Protestant baptized Ruth Lavina. She attended high school at the former St. John's Academy, Wichita, staffed by the Precious Blood Sisters. There on November 23, 1909, at age 15, she became a Catholic: she was baptized Celeste Marie in the Academy chapel.

Sister Euphrasia entered the congregation of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Ruma, Illinois, September 1, 1911, from Clayton, New Mexico. She was received into the community on July 16, 1912; made her first profession of vows on July 18, 1913, and her final profession on August 15, 1920.

In 1913 Sister Euphrasia began a teaching career of nearly 50 years-- 30 years in the elementary schools of Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, and 20 years in high schools in Windthorst and Pilsen, Kansas, and Sterling, Oklahoma. Besides her regular teaching, Sister was music teacher and choir, glee club, and orchestra director. From 1948 to 1952 she taught Saturday religion classes in Hamilton and Eureka, Kansas. She received her B.A. degree from Friends University, Wichita, in 1940.

Sister retired from teaching In 1960. At the provincial house in Wichita she continued to give music lessons for a time and worked on a family genealogy, which she completed in 1962. From 1967 to 1972 Sister was a patient variously at St. Mary's Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma; St. Joseph's Villa, David City, Nebraska; Mercy Medical Center, Dubuque, Iowa; and Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In 1972 Sister Euphrasia was well enough to return home to the provincial house, but continued under doctors' care. She was afflicted with arthritis so badly that she could get around only by wheel chair. In February of this year she suffered a slight stroke which affected her speech, making it difficult for her to communicate or others to understand her. On February 27 she was taken to Green Meadows Skilled Nursing Center near Wichita; and here she died, unexpectedly, apparently of a coronary,

Sister Euphrasia is survived by four half-sisters: Dorothy Petrow, Clayton, New Mexico and a younger half-sister also of Clayton; Beverly Sorenson, California City, California; and Coralie House, Eldridge, California; and by two nieces and two nephews: Betty Hawk, Lamar, Colorado; Lucille Ciccolella, Colorado Springs; Rev. L.H. Faus, Sparta, Wisconsin; and Bob Bangerter, Glendale, California. Sister Ramona Wolcott, a Dominican Sister of White Plains, New York, is a cousin.

Besides her great love for music, especially classical programs, Sister Euphrasia loved to paint, and during her lifetime painted more than a hundred pictures. As a creative artist she loved to make table favors for Christmas and other community feast days. A very joyful occasion for her was her diamond jubilee, celebrated on July 25, 1973, when several of her relatives, including her oldest sister and her Dominican cousin, were present. Sister Euphrasia. was very prayerful In her own my. @ She was for some years under psychiatric care, and this and the great handicap of her physical condition undoubtedly combined toward making her often irritable and short-tempered. Yet she never nursed a grievance, and continued to strive to maintain a cheerful and generous spirit.

A prayer service will be held for Sister Euphrasia in the motherhouse chapel on Thursday evening, April 10, at 7:30. Her funeral will be on Friday afternoon, April 11, at 4.30. May she rest in peace!

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