

130 years ago,
in the early morning of
May 6, 1889,
Sister Maria Aloysia
quietly went home to God.



How did the
sisters in her day
remember her?

“The 6th day of May, 1889, died our oldest sister, Sr. M. Aloysia, who with Sr. M. Ignatia laid the foundation of our congregation in Coesfeld. Her happiness to live among homeless children, toward whom in early youth her heart inclined, became evident by the circumstance that she, who otherwise never uttered a wish, asked to be allowed to die among the homeless poor, if it were not against the will of God.”

Annals of Mt. St. Mary's

“In the effort to make a happy home, Sister Maria Aloysia herself was unexcelled. Despite all her schoolwork, she still managed to find time to help Sister Maria Genoveva with the convent household tasks. Now she would fetch a pail of water; then again, she would carry the coal, help with the dishwashing or with the laundry work; and all was done quietly, with discretion and heartwarming friendliness.

Sister Maria Servatia in *Soli Deo*

“. . . intimate converse with God in prayer was a real need for Sister Maria Aloysia. . . she prayed everywhere -- in the house, on the street, in the fields, in the woods. . . when her hands were busy at work. . . She felt the presence of God everywhere; but when she entered the chapel and approached the altar, her heart seemed to become jubilantly happy.”

Sister Maria Josanna

“Let us pay the debt of thanks we owe her by walking in her footsteps. . . by placing ourselves and all that we have at God's disposal . . .”

Mother Maria Chrysostoma

How do we remember her today?

Who is Sister Maria Aloysia for you?

You are welcome to send your reflections, insights, and questions about Sister Maria Aloysia to the History Office at mjkarlinger@ndec.org.

