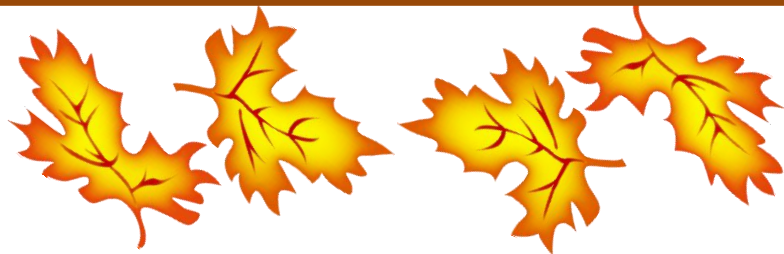


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Companions of Pauline and Sisters of Christian Charity
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Cover: Interior of St. Meinolf Chapel – near Böddeken,
Germany

As we continue our three-year preparation for the celebration of Mother Pauline's 200th birthday on June 3, 2017, we want to let you know more about her early life.



The Life of Pauline von Mallinckrodt

CHAPTER II

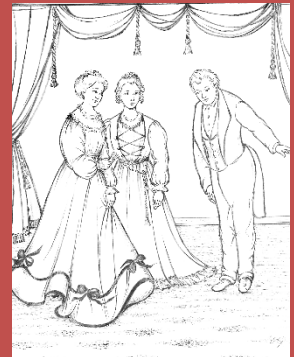
Pauline's Twofold Task, Management of the Household and the Care of her Brothers and Sister, Animated and Ennobled by Practices of Piety

(1834-1842)

Pauline was now seventeen years of age. At the wish of her father she stepped into her mother's place at the head of the household, taking charge of the manifold social functions connected with it, and, what was still more difficult, she assumed the care of her brothers and sister, and the responsibility of their education. The seventeen-year-old girl had fully realized her task, which became especially delicate on account of the Protestant religion of her father. To him she had always clung with tender affection, but after the death of her mother the bonds of love were drawn still closer. Zealous in the discharge of her duties, devoted, tactful, and, when necessary, firm, Pauline knew how to gain his fullest confidence and satisfaction, and to fill the painful vacancy which the death of her mother had caused in the happy home. She was therefore the favorite of her father, who would not part from her, the favorite of her brothers and sister, who looked up to her with love and reverence, a favorite among her relatives and acquaintances, who admired and esteemed her.

Herr von Mallinckrodt was very proud of his daughter, whose graceful affability, combined with the charm of her

innocence, won for him many a compliment, and it was his urgent wish that she attend social circles and balls with him, that she accompany him when he went out walking or driving, and even when he went traveling. This was no easy task for one who took no delight in such pleasures, and who strove to rise to the calm heights of a life in God and for God alone. "God sees into my heart; He knows why I do it," she said to her friends who had greater freedom in their choice of retirement. As to her intention in fulfilling her father's wishes, she writes in her "Memoir": "I did it, and had made it my rule always to be pleasant about it, regardless of whether it might be agreeable or not, so that the action might please God. These frequent little self-denials proved to be very salutary to me, and became my second nature to such a degree that I really felt a need of fulfilling the wishes of others."



A sketch of Pauline and her friends at a ball.

In due appreciation and recognition of his daughter's noble sentiments, Herr von Mallinckrodt reciprocated her filial devotion. Although a Protestant, he showed no displeasure at her fervor and zeal in the discharge of her religious duties, her withdrawal from social intercourse, where this could be done unnoticeably, or her generous charity which often exacted considerable sums from him.

Not less difficult a task than the management of the household was the care and education of her brothers Hermann and Georg and her sister Bertha. The three were of a lively temperament, the boys full of pranks and play, and it is quite natural that their tricks and sports were often more than enough to try Pauline's patience. She, however, aimed at the accomplishment of her task more by love than by authority, and only once, when, as she thought, they were exceeding the limit, she reported their actions to their father.

Above all, it was the beautiful example which she gave them that created in the hearts of the children a great attachment for their good elder sister — "die gute Alte," as they nicknamed her — a name which she retained with them even in later years.

Indeed, Pauline had every reason to be well satisfied with the result of her endeavors, for the three children did credit to her efforts, and the sacred tie of love which encircled them all to the end was strengthened by their gratitude and veneration for Pauline. A short sketch of each of the three may not be wholly out of place here, although it will far outrun the time limit of this chapter.

Hermann, who most resembled his elder sister in character as well as in features, shares with her the grand reputation of having labored untiringly and successfully in the interests of the Church and for the welfare of humanity, though their lives were spent in very different spheres. While in later years Pauline applied herself to various branches of charity, restricted, as it were, within the range of quiet convent life, Hermann, the unrivaled parliamentarian, stood forth on the battlefield of political

assemblages to defend with the sword of enthusiastic and eloquent speech the rights and liberty of the Church. Rooted firmly in the holy Faith, brother and sister shone like bright stars in the dark period of the Kulturkampf, and the name "Mallinckrodt" became a household word among the most revered names of Catholic champions of that time and of all times.

"Never," to repeat the words of a colleague, "was more force and dignity, energy and learning, strength of character and prudence, piety and vigor, united in one person than in Hermann von Mallinckrodt." He was a man who lived and



Hermann von Mallinckrodt in his later years

fought only for his convictions — one who succeeded in gaining and retaining not only the confidence of his political friends, but also the high regard of his political opponents. While he took the leading part in the defense of the Church, to which he entirely devoted himself, there was scarcely an important bill proposed during all the years of his parliamentary career without his taking a distinguished part in the debate.

Hermann's career was not so long as was hoped. He spoke for the last time May 19, 1874, and concluded with the poetical words, "Per crucem ad lucem." A few days later death carried him away in his fifty-fourth year. He had already announced his home-coming after the close of the Reichstag when he was seized with an attack of pneumonia which developed so rapidly that his life was soon despaired of. Pauline had the consolation of being at his deathbed and of assisting him in his last agony. Before leaving for Berlin she had exclaimed with trembling voice, "O God! how I long to see my brother alive, but Thy will be done." God heard her prayer. Hermann, fully conscious, received his sister with great joy, and after a short greeting he asked her to say the rosary for him. Pauline remained at his bedside until the following day, the 26th of May, 1874, when this noble defender of the Faith, strengthened by the last consolations of the Church for whose well-being he had exerted all his efforts, went to his well-deserved rest. He had served his God as he had served his king, and when he had gone to receive the reward of the faithful servant, the mourning over his death was so general and widespread that it could be said of him as of Judas Maccabeus: "And all the people bewailed him with great lamentation, and they mourned for him many days."

The two brothers Hermann and Georg differed widely in the choice of their career. While Hermann devoted his talents to the public interests of Church and State, Georg, the elder, talented like his brother, chose the government and improvement of his estate for his life-work. He possessed the esteem of his fellow-citizens, and by his efforts and

undertakings for the good of the people of his locality he placed them under a heavy debt of gratitude. A short distance from the Mallinckrodt estate stood an old tree known as St. Meinolf's Linden, which, according to the legend, marked the place where St. Meinolf (+857), the first saint of the Paderborn district, was born. A



St. Meinolf Chapel as it appears today

chapel and monastery church had stood there, but both had been destroyed. Georg von Mallinckrodt made it his aim to revive the veneration for St. Meinolf, and to rebuild the sanctuary, in his honor. The work was begun and carried out on the old foundation, and during the summer of 1857 the beautiful Gothic chapel was solemnly dedicated by the bishop of Paderborn. Every Sunday afternoon a devotion was held in honor of the Saint, and the people flocked from all sides to take part. This incident shows the devout spirit which reigned on the Mallinckrodt manor.



Mallinckrodt family graves next to St. Meinolf Chapel

Bertha, the youngest, was a candid and amiable girl. She clung to Pauline as a child to her mother, and Pauline returned her affection with a love and care truly maternal. In 1846 Bertha was married to Alfred Hüffer, who in age, career, and sentiment was closely related to her brother Hermann, at whose

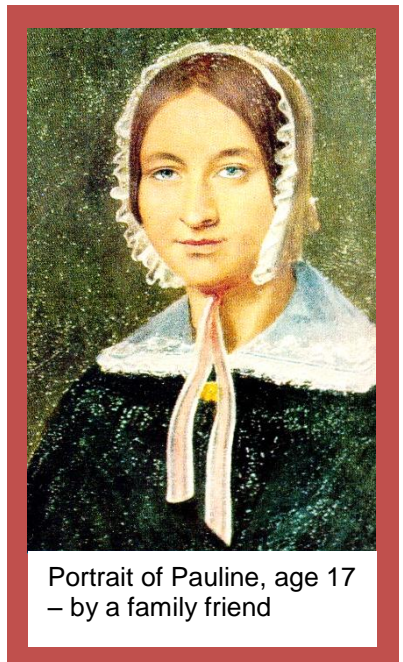
side he was active in Parliament for a number of years. After retiring from public office he lived with his family in Paderborn, where he distinguished himself by promoting the interests of the Church and the poor.

But let us take up again the thread of our narrative. Whilst conscientiously fulfilling her household duties and exercising the care of a mother over her brothers and sister, Pauline did not neglect her own perfection; on the contrary, all her labors became so many aids and means for her advancement. In her difficult position she sought and found strength in the practice of works of charity, and, above all, in frequent and, later, in daily holy communion which had been granted her by her confessor Doctor Classen. Of Pauline's spiritual development, her friend, Anna von Lommessen, relates: "Every moment of which Pauline could dispose was devoted to prayer and charity. She spoke in the most friendly manner to everyone, helped the poor as best she could, and stood as an angel of consolation at the bedside of the sick. Daily holy communion was her constant aim, her desire, and her life; no sacrifice, no difficulty could keep her away from the heavenly banquet. In summer as well as in winter she usually went to the ancient cathedral, where holy Masses commenced at five o'clock. Meditation and holy communion generally preceded her return home, where she was around and about again before the family breakfast. How edifying it was to see Pauline in prayer! For hours she would kneel on the bare floor in an inconspicuous corner near the communion rail, wholly absorbed in God. With all her piety and devotion, however, she was anything but dismal or melancholy. The 'Sursum corda' [Latin: "Lift up your hearts" or literally, "Hearts lifted". It is the opening dialogue to the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer.] seemed to be personified in her life and in her childlike spirit, in her enjoyment of the gifts of God, and in her reception of His benefits with gratitude, simplicity, and love. Her manner and actions gave proof that piety and cheerfulness will readily go hand in hand. She was so simple, so exceedingly amiable and condescending toward everyone, especially toward the poor

and lowly, that no sufferer feared to approach her when seeking consolation, counsel, or help. And whilst it could truly be said of her that her charity knew no bounds, she instinctively recoiled from all frivolous behavior and from human respect, and never paid the slightest attention to the criticism or praise of others. Her straightforward, open character knew but one motive, one direction — God's holy will and His pleasure."

In all this, how evident is the ruling of Divine Providence! Having, been destined by God to be the foundress of a teaching community, her very home was to be a school to fit her for this exalted vocation, the sublime duties of which she unconsciously practiced from day to day. It was in this school that the future mother of so many spiritual daughters who, in turn, were to educate others, was to gain experience in the art of education while taking a mother's place with her brothers and sister; that the future Religious was to train herself in profound silence and meditation before the Tabernacle in preference to the pleasures and amusements of social life; that the future great benefactress of the needy and the poor was to acquire a foretaste of the sweetness of practical charity by exercising its privileges as the mistress of the house.

Pauline had for some time entertained the desire of consecrating herself entirely to God. It cannot be said with certainty just when the seed of religious vocation took root in her heart, but she herself traces its first impulse to the influence of her beloved teacher, Louise Hensel. "To you I owe an infinite debt of gratitude," Pauline writes to her in a letter dated June 10, 1840. "You have laid the



Portrait of Pauline, age 17
— by a family friend

foundation of my happiness, for in God alone there is peace, rest, and joy, and you have led me to this most copious fount of all temporal and eternal salvation."

In August, 1835 Pauline received the sacrament of Confirmation, and by the graces imparted to her in this sacrament and in her daily approach to the Eucharistic Table, this desire grew, stronger and matured to a firm resolution, so that she politely yet firmly declined the various proposals of marriage made to her, resolved to give her undivided love to Jesus and to serve Him in the poor. In a letter to Louise Hensel she alludes to the struggle which she had to undergo in her heart before she could claim a complete triumph over all worldly attachments. In this letter dated July 7, 1840, wherein Pauline glorifies God's tender care in the guidance of her soul, she says: "Judging from appearances my life has rolled on quite smoothly, but I do not deny that great battles have raged within. Happy, however, is he who has a firm hold in religion, for peace and joy soon return to him! A thousand times do I thank you for leading me to God! In 1830, when I was still a child of about thirteen, one of my cousins was transferred to Aix-la-Chapelle and frequently came to our home. C. was a grave and serious man, of a more mature age, and of good, sound principles, but a Protestant. We children all loved him, and I never would have dreamt that this feeling might be the basis of an inclination which would bear so heavily on my life. He left me in my artless innocence, but when I returned from Liege and had grown up, I saw that he loved me. ... I, on my part, felt how essential it is that in so holy and indissoluble a union as matrimony no difference of opinion be tolerated in the most important point, that of religion; the more I pondered over the duties of a wife and mother, the clearer this became to me. But I came in conflict with all my feelings, for my heart contradicted that which I grasped with my understanding. In addition to this, my father was led by some circumstances to disapprove my affections. When the storm within me was at its highest, when I felt as though I could never say 'Farewell' to this friend, the day arrived when I was to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, and about a week

later God gave me the complete victory over self. My decision once made, I carried it out promptly, not indeed without many misgivings that the wound thus inflicted on my heart would pain for a long time. How surprised was I therefore at the calm which followed the storm within me! I cannot describe it in a better way than this: I had clung to C. with the whole strength of my youthful heart. He had so completely fascinated me by his splendid talents and his grave manner, that in renouncing him I broke every fetter which attached me to the world. God wanted to reward me for this sacrifice with an inner peace such as I had never known before. More and more did I detach myself from all that surrounded me, and in God I found contentment for my soul. A new life — let me say, a higher life, dawned upon me, and I would not exchange it for the former. With peace in my heart I remained active and apparently interested in the outer world; unconcerned about myself, I could the better care for others, and it was a pleasure for me to turn my love and care to the suffering members of Christ."

With regard to the choice of a religious community, she remarks in the same letter: "I wavered whether I should choose the contemplative or active life, and could not fully decide this question. However, for some time it has seemed to me as if my individuality were better suited to an active life. I began to have an ardent desire to become a Sister of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, and having tested this desire for years in the reel of the world, I feel that I may safely follow this inclination."



International Meeting of Coordinators & Representatives... of the Companions of Pauline - An Experience of a Lifetime

Peggy Carolan, a Companion of Pauline in Illinois, and Sr. Mary Ann Warwick, Coordinator of the Illinois Companions of Pauline, attended the International Meeting of Coordinators and Representatives of the Companions of Pauline held in Rome, Italy [April 18-26] and then Paderborn, Germany from [April 26 – May 2]. The participants were from every Unit of our SCC Congregation: Italy; Germany; Uruguay-Argentina, Chile, the Philippines, and the United States of America.



The participants worked hard and they had a lot of fun while doing it. The work of the meeting centered around the topics to which the Companions of Pauline of the United States Western Region had contributed much information for which we were very grateful.

Topics of the International Meeting included:

1. Presenting an overall report about our Companions of Pauline program since the last meeting in 2010.
2. Reflecting on the symbol of our Companions of Pauline.
3. Reflecting daily on an invocation from the Litany of Blessed Pauline. (We prepared and led one of the daily opening prayers.)
4. Sharing the process, guidelines and forms we use in our program.
5. Gathering proposals about the Companions of Pauline program from our members.
6. Sharing suggestions for celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Blessed Pauline.

We were privileged to make a pilgrimage through the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and we were thrilled and awed during many of our visits to Blessed Pauline's grave in Paderborn. We remembered all our Sisters, families, friends and relatives as we prayed at the Holy Places. We thank God for these special times of blessing and grace.

Shortly after they returned from Paderborn on May 2, Peg and Sr. Mary Ann met to prepare for the celebration of Foundress Day with the Sisters and the Illinois Group of the Companions of Pauline on May 7, 2016 at Sacred Heart Convent. As part of the Foundress day's activities, Peg and Sr. Mary Ann spoke about their personal gratitude for the privilege of participating in the International Meeting in Rome and in Paderborn.



Novena in Honor of Mother Pauline

As we continue our preparation for the 200th birthday of Blessed Pauline on June 3, 2017, we suggest that you keep a novena in honor of Mother Pauline each month for all the intentions of the Sisters of Christian Charity and the Companions of Pauline around the world. You are free to choose the nine days of the month and the prayer(s) you will pray. Here are a few suggestions:

- † Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt! The accomplishment of God's will was a guiding principle of your life. Pray for us, that by listening to God's word we may be granted light for our everyday decisions.

- † Blessed Pauline, our Mother! You persevered in your YES to the Lord even in the darkest moments of your life. Through your intercession obtain for us the grace to entrust ourselves unreservedly to God's guidance.

- † Blessed Pauline, our mother! During your life you were available for God and for the service of the poor. Obtain for us a heart open to every need we meet.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...



Rita Rose Bourgeois, nee Hoover, age 78, died on Monday, June 10, 2013 in Mobile, AL. She was born to Mildred McKim and Georg R. Hoover on July 4, 1934 in Middletown, OH. After graduation from Charity Hospital School of Nursing Rita worked at Charity Hospital where she met and married, Dr. Rudolph J. Bourgeois. She was active in her community and church, St. Raphael Catholic Church.

Later she moved to Mobile, AL where she was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel (USA Student Center). Rita Rose is survived by her son, John Bourgeois; two grandsons, four sisters and a brother. Rita Rose is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 14th at 10:00 AM from Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel (Catholic Student Center at USA).



Evelyn C. Hengesbach Westphalia, Michigan, age 83, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend passed away peacefully surrounded by all her children on May 8, 2015, the same date as the love of her life, Louis, on the 5th anniversary of his death. She was born on February 23, 1932 to Robert and Adeline (Bohr) Platte. Evelyn was a member of St. Mary Parish, Westphalia, a life-long homemaker. She was also a member of the former Daughters of Isabella, the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild, Catholic Order of Foresters, Companions of Pauline, and Blessed Mother Rosary Club. She was also a member of the church choir for 67 years. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 13th at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Westphalia, with Rev. Eric Weber presiding.



Mary Brady, age 93, passed away on February 1, 2016 at her home in Eden Prairie, MN. She was a winter resident of Green Valley, AZ. She was formerly a resident of Mendota Heights and a member of the St. Peter's Church in Mendota. She was an active volunteer in CCW and a former board member of ACCW. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 6th at St. Peter's Catholic Church.



Mary M. Kerrigan, nee Toolan, age 79 passed away on February 29, 2016. Mary was a resident of Wilmette, IL, and beloved wife of 56 years to Bob Kerrigan; mother of Patrick (Mariclare) Kerrigan, Peggy (Chris) McNulty, Michael (Elly) Kerrigan, Dan

Kerrigan and Tim (Kathy) Kerrigan. She had 13 grandchildren and two foster grandchildren. The Funeral Mass took place on March 5th at Saint Joseph Church, Wilmette, IL

Shirley Caster Marchand went to her heavenly father on



Sunday, March 13, 2016 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late Russell Matthieu Marchand, Sr. Shirley is survived by her three sons: Russell, Jr. (Roselyn), Gary (Patricia), John (Kathy) and one daughter, Leonore M. Hatchett (Harris). Mrs. Marchand

is also survived by her 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. The Funeral Mass took place on March 17th at the Garden of Memories Funeral Home.



Theresa Warwick passed away on June 4, 2016. Theresa was born on June 3, a birthdate she proudly shared with Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt. She was born into the family of Magdalena and John Wunder in Chicago, IL in 1918. She married James Constantine Warwick (Sr.) and God soon blessed them with two children: Mary Ann

(later Sr. Mary Ann, SCC) and James C. Jr. Theresa had grandsons and three great-grandsons. Shortly after her husband's death in 1975, Theresa returned to the Midwest and began volunteering at Sacred Heart Convent in Wilmette, IL. In 1990, Theresa eagerly became a Companion of Pauline. Theresa was a member of the St. Joseph Parish Adult Choir since 1999. She was a

Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph parish and a minister of Care to the homebound.



Patricia A. Wappelhorst, (nee Moran) passed away at the age of 89 in O'Fallon, MO on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. She was born on April 4, 1927 in St. Louis, MO to John and Caroline Moran. Patricia married Harry Wappelhorst on May 14, 1955. Patricia was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Parish, where she was very active.

Patricia was the sister of Sr. M. Judith Moran, SCC (dec.). Patricia is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Harry Wappelhorst, her brother John J. Moran, her daughter Mary Gasch (Don), two grandchildren and one great-grandson. At Patricia's request, her body was donated to the St. Louis University Medical School, for the advancement of science. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

“... and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, we beseech you in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and through the intercession of his Immaculate Mother Mary, glorify yourself in Blessed Pauline and grant that she may soon be proclaimed a saint. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, lead us in the way of love as you led Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt. Open our hearts to others that, loving them as your Son commanded, we may be one with them in your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**



Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt Canonization Fund

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