

Case Study, Part 4.

Remembering Her First Communion

On April 3, 1836, at the age of twelve, she made her First Communion

Her Rev. Uncle carefully prepared her for this great event. Like the rest of her class she was looking forward to wearing a veil and a lovely white dress on this special day. However, her Rev. Uncle gave her a choice. She could either receive Holy Communion with her class wearing her lovely dress and veil or receive Holy Communion privately from him in a little chapel. With difficulty she chose the simpler option and remembered the graces of that day for the rest of her life.

On that same day her Rev. Uncle took her to Mt. St. Mary's and consecrated her to the Blessed Mother, commending her to Mary's care.

In 1837, the newly consecrated Bishop Reisach confirmed her. Much to her displeasure, Bishop Reisach and her Rev. Uncle chose her confirmation name. She received the name "Eve" because of her curiosity. (p. 47)

On her death bed July 22, 1892, she asked that her First Communion holy card be placed in her coffin. (pp. 42-45)