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"Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of praise."
(Psalm 126 - Evening prayer of Wednesday, Week III)

Dear Sisters,

Early last evening, surrounded in love by the prayer of her sisters, our dear Sister Revocata was called to her eternal home. Here she will sing His praises forever.



Sister M. Revocata - Anna Luediger

Born: September 20, 1902 in Stadtlohn, Germany

Professed: May 7, 1925

Died: October 6, 1999 in Reading, PA

Sister Revocata grew up in the Diocese of Muenster. Her Christian faith began with baptism in her local parish church which was dedicated to St. Joseph. Sister entered our congregation shortly before her twenty-first birthday. While still a postulant, she was missioned to the United States. Sister arrived in New York on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, 1924.

Throughout her long life, Sister Revocata followed St. Joseph in his hidden service of the Lord. She spent all her years of active ministry in the laundry or kitchen. She worked long and hard in Cincinnati, Ohio; Beacon, New York; New Hamburg, New York; Columbus, Ohio; Geneva, Illinois; and Pottsville and Villa St. Elizabeth in Pennsylvania. In the course of these 63 years, Sister served the elderly, the sick, priests, and seminarians.

In 1987, Sister Revocata retired to Holy Family Center. During recent years, she withdrew more and more from the world around her and needed total care. A great blessing came into Sister's life these past months through the loving attention of Sister Dominica Kim. Sister Revocata responded to Sister Dominica's efforts which brought a special ray of sunshine into Sister Revocata's last months of life.

Sister chose for her tombstone the words, "God's love cares for me". The faith expressed in this choice is inspiring to us who know that Sister suffered much from anxiety and fear throughout her life. We thank her for the many years of devoted service to the ministries of our congregation and rejoice with her in God's care which has called her to His Heart forever.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister Revocata on Friday, October 8, 1999 at 3:30 p.m. Father John Schweikert, MSC, who remembers Sister well from his days as a seminarian will be the main celebrant. She will then be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

Sister Marie Clark