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ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT
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"Now you dismiss your servant, O Lord, according to your word, in peace, because my eyes have seen your salvation". (Luke 2: 22-32)

Dear Sisters,

Today, Saturday, Mary's day, and on the eve of Mary's feastday, the Purification of Our Lady, Christ came at 7:05 p.m. to call home Mary's child, our dear Sister M. Florentine.

Sister M. Florentine - Katharina Welkers
Born April 24, 1889 in Coesfeld, Germany
Entered our Congregation May 21, 1912
Made First Vows December 8, 1913
Came to the U.S.A. April 14, 1916
Died in St. Michael's, Reading February 1, 1969

Sister M. Florentine, a sister of Sister M. Fortunata, M.S.C., spent most of her religious life, 34 years, teaching God's little ones in the Kindergarten of St. Henry's School in Philadelphia. She was totally dedicated to her work, going about it in a quiet unassuming way. The children and their parents loved and appreciated Sister very much. When not in school, Sister would busy herself with performing little chores in the convent, trying to ease the burden of another, or just trying to make others happy. She was always even-tempered and contented. Sister was a very prayerful soul. She was often found in Chapel conversing with Our Lord.

When from sheer physical exhaustion and fatigue Sister could no longer go to school, she came to the Motherhouse where she helped in little ways as far as she was able. But her strength kept steadily failing, till finally she could do it no longer. She was admitted to the Infirmary. Here she lingered for a few months, yet then quietly slept away just while her fellow sisters were singing in Chapel the "Hail, admirable Heart of Jesus".

Sister was well-prepared to meet her Bridegroom, and the wondrous Heart of Christ, no doubt, gave Sister a warm welcome. Still, let us not forget Sister in our prayers.

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, February 4, at 9:00 a.m.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.