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St. Michael's Convent
Hyde Park
Reading, Pa. 19605

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Dear Sisters,

At the morning Mass in honor of Our Lady we were joyfully singing "Behind her the virgins of her train are brought to the King". In the evening, Our Lady came to lead one of "the virgins", our Sister M. Leandra, "to the King".

Sister M. Leandra, Gertrud Nierenkerken
Born March 10, 1897 in Beckum
Entered our Congregation May 22, 1919
Made First Profession December 11, 1920
Died in Allentown September 12, 1968

Sister M. Leandra graduated from the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in Allentown, Pa. She served our Congregation faithfully as a bedside nurse and supervisor in the earlier years of her religious life. Later she was assigned to the difficult task of hospital administrator and superior in several hospitals in our U. S. province. She discharged her duties conscientiously, with a great degree of dedication, with understanding and love. In 1955 she returned to the Sacred Heart Hospital at Allentown where she continued her apostolate as a supervisor in the pharmacy.

Sister M. Leandra was a prayerful soul. She had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart and to Our Lady. To them she frequently recommended the needs of our Congregation and of the world. During the past year Sister had several weak spells which seemed to be heart attacks, but after each one she recovered and was able to continue her duties until the end. She was aware of the fact that she might be called suddenly and prepared herself well for this call.

Today, while her fellow Sisters were participating in a Bible Vigil for the late Rt. Rev. Monsignor Leo G. Fink, our dear Sister M. Leandra suffered another heart attack which suddenly ended her life. She is now with God but let us keep our dear departed in our prayers.

The funeral services will be held in our Convent Chapel at St. Michael's, Tuesday morning, September 17, at 10:00 A.M.

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.