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St. Michael's Convent  
Hyde Park, Reading, Pa.  
September 21, 1962

Dear Sisters,

This morning at 8:15 the Sacred Heart of Jesus called our dear Sister M. Lucina home to her eternal nuptials.

Sister M. Lucina, Maria Koester  
Born: November 7, 1892 at Schermbeck  
Entered our Congregation: May 21, 1919  
Reception: December 10, 1919  
First Profession: December 11, 1920  
Final Profession: August 25, 1925  
Died: September 21, 1962

Sister M. Lucina began her apostolate in St. Paul's Orphanage as early as 1920 and thereafter worked diligently and unassumingly in the domestic departments at various missions of the Congregation, combining the work of Martha and Mary. In 1956 Sister returned to the Motherhouse, as a very sick Sister--a serious case of cancer. Sister possessed an indomitable fighting spirit with a will to live and to do more for God's Kingdom; she managed to work untiringly in our sewing room, giving all she had to give of her time and energy and above all of her love and her edifying example. The Sisters with whom she worked will never forget her many little extra services, her uplifting encouraging smile and the spirit of gratitude that animated her.

Our dear Sister suffered much all along and especially during the last two weeks preceding her death, but she bore her cross with remarkable patience and complete resignation to the will of God. "It's His will," she often said. Her attitude and her conduct mirrored the virtues of her beautiful soul.

On Sunday, September 16, Sister M. Lucina had the great happiness of receiving the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. Fully conscious and alert she followed the prayers of the priest and answered all responses. To be fully informed on the beneficial effects of this Sacrament, she read up on the details the previous evening. Truly she was well prepared to meet her heavenly bridegroom.

On Thursday afternoon Sister consented to be admitted as a patient at Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown. She felt she might get some relief from the feeling of suffocation which aggravated her shortness of breath. But she was failing fast. However, her death still came as a terrible shock, since we did not expect death to claim her so soon on Friday morning. About 8:00 A. M. she suddenly changed color and death seemed imminent. Accompanied by the prayers of the priest and the Sisters, Sister returned her beautiful soul into the hands of her Creator. There, in the heavenly mansions she will most certainly recommend the interests of the Congregation to the Sacred Heart.

Let us remember our dear departed Sister in our prayers and by a holy religious life prepare for such a saintly death.

The funeral will be on Monday, September 24 at 9:00 A. M.

Yours in Corde Jesu,

Sister M. Borgia, M. S. C.