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St. Michael Convent
Reading, Pa. USA
June 17, 1967

Dear Sisters,

"Let the Blessed Sacrament fire us with a holy fervor that we may experience the sweetness of Your loving Heart and learn to prefer the things of heaven to those of earth." This prayer of the Church could very well have been the prayer of Sister M. Romalda during her last illness of which she was finally relieved June 17, at 8:10 a.m.

Sister M. Romalda nee Mary Saloka
Born: June 17, 1901 in Siroka, Czechoslovakia
Entered our Congregation June 22, 1919
First Profession: November 27, 1920
Final Profession: August 25, 1925
Died June 17, 1967

Since 1921 Sister M. Romalda had been an active MSC in our various institutions here in the States. Depending upon the nature of the institute, Sister has served in various capacities. Since 1961 Sister has been in the Motherhouse because of a very severe asthma condition. As her condition gradually became worse, Sister was more or less confined to her room where she spend her time reading and praying.

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart our Lord gave the first warning of His coming. Just before the High Mass Sister suddenly became critical and received the Sacrament of the Sick. After a time she rallied, but was a completely changed person. The Sacrament of the Sick had left visible signs of its effects. Physically Sister was calm yet failing; spiritually she had gained tremendously. She was ready now to meet her Lord. But He tarried yet two weeks. Did He tell her that He would come for her on His Mother's day, Saturday? Sister told that to those caring for her and repeatedly during that last week kept asking, "Is it Saturday today?" Saturday morning, June 17, at 8:10 Sister breathed her last while her fellowsisters stood around her bed reciting the rosary.

May she now enjoy eternal rest. Still let us not forget our departed Sister in our prayers.

The funeral rites will take place Tuesday morning, June 20, at ten o'clock.

Sincerely yours in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Bridget, MSC