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St. Michael Convent  
Reading, Pa. U.S.A.  
February 15, 1967

Dear Sisters,

"In those days the Lord said to Moses: Come up to me on the mountain..."  
These words of today's liturgy can very well be applied to our dear Sister  
M. Salesia. Our Lord called her to His heavenly mountain this morning at 1:20.

Sister M. Salesia, nee Johanna Laurich  
Born: August 9, 1881 in Koeckelwick/Vreden, Germany  
Entered our Congregation: October 16, 1905  
First Profession: May 13, 1907  
Final Profession: May 13, 1912  
Arrived in USA: August 11, 1908  
Died: February 15, 1967 in Reading, Pa.

Sister M. Salesia was loved and esteemed by all who knew her and lived with her. She was especially appreciated for her kindness, her goodness, and her genuine motherliness. particularly to the young Sisters. In her role of superior on several of our school stations, Sister was respected by all--her fellowsisters, the pastors, and the people. Not till 1954 did Sister give up her active duties as teacher in the elementary schools of the then Philadelphia Diocese. Ill health and the creeping weakness of old age were the cause. Thereafter, Sister spent some years doing light work in Wedron, Illinois, and from 1964 was with us at the Motherhouse in Reading. Here, too, Sister was a pleasant patient, ever grateful for the least service done her.

Because Sister was a pioneer, one of the first group of MSC's arriving in America, we of the American Province feel deeply indebted to her. Many of the blessings resting upon the province were undoubtedly procured by Sister's sacrificial life. The just Judge will certainly be good to our Sister since during her lifetime she had been so good to Him in His members.

Let us nevertheless remember the dear departed in our prayers. Sister will be buried on our convent cemetery Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sincerely yours in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.