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

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"I am the Resurrection. If anyone believes in Me, even though he dies, he will live."

Dear Sisters,

Today at noon the divine Master called our dear Sister M. Theodulpha to Himself.

Sister M. Theodulpha - Katharina Doppmeier
Born October 5, 1891 in Varensell, Germany
Entered our Congregation July 3, 1920
Made First Profession February 2, 1922
Came to the U. S. A. May 10, 1930
Died in Reading, Pa. January 15, 1969

Sister M. Theodulpha suffered considerably from arthritis, but was always in community till a few weeks before her death, when the flu, which was quite widespread in the country, hit her rather severely. She was admitted to our Infirmary, and because she was so very sick, it was thought better to have her anointed even though death was not imminent. Sister received the best of care, yet her fever could not be controlled, and she had periods of delirium. Whenever conscious, however, she loved it when the Sisters prayed with her. She would try to formulate the words with her lips, for she could no longer speak. Daily, except for the last two days, Sister received a small particle of the Sacred Host. Her condition became critical on January 14. Shortly before she died, even though apparently unconscious, she responded when her nurse said to her: "Sister, let us renew our vows." she turned her head sideways; her eyes widened, her face lit up and she tried to form the words with her lips. After that she took a few short breaths and calmly expired.

Sister M. Theodulpha was a simple, childlike soul, never violating charity in word or deed, always ready to help where help was needed with extra work, totally self-giving. Sister was very conscious of her vow of poverty. Her personal belongings and her room gave ample evidence of it. Her life was one of unquestioning obedience and selfless service, expecting nothing in return.

Heaven is now her great reward. Let us, however, not forget our departed Sister in our prayers.

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.