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

Today a week ago our country was shocked by the sudden death of our beloved President. While still mourning with the nation, we received today at the end of our morning prayers another alarm call from Sacred Heart Seminary, Shelby, Ohio. Sister M. Theophana was found dead in bed; apparently she had passed away just before, and the priest could administer Extreme Unction conditionally.

Sister M. Theophana, née Antonia Hachmann
Born: May 4, 1891, at Dinschede-Oeventrop, Germany
Entered our Congregation: May 21, 1919
First Profession: December 11, 1920
Died: November 29, 1963

Sister M. Theophana came to this country on November 4, 1921. She performed household duties in several of our houses, especially in the Mid-West, and filled the office of superior in Columbus, Dayton, and Geneva. Since 1962, she acted as seamstress in Shelby, Ohio; however, she had to interrupt this work last year on account of a serious heart condition. She had another attack about two weeks ago from which she rallied somewhat. Following the doctor's advice, Sister took it easier, but the Lord summoned her suddenly, certainly not unexpectedly and unprepared, to her reward.

Sister M. Theophana was an efficient and fast worker, beloved by the Sisters for her open-mindedness, her sense of humor, and cheerful disposition; she was a person who could correct but would then forget the matter; a Sister with a song in her heart and on her lips. She was, above all, a prayerful soul who loved to be with the Eucharistic Savior. We hope that she sees Him now unveiled forever.

Her sudden death at this time of the ecclesiastical year puts emphatic stress on the words of the Savior: "Be ye, therefore, ready." We recommend her soul to your pious prayers.

The funeral will be on Monday, December 2, at 9:00 A. M.

We wish all the Sisters a quiet and holy Advent, a time of serious preparation for the coming of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Elizabeth, M. S. C.