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St. Michael Convent
Hyde Park
Reading, Pa. USA

February 7, 1968

Dear Sisters,

While the Sisters in the Motherhouse were assisting at Mass, Our Lord visited our dear Sister M. Tiburtia on her sick bed and invited her to the heavenly nuptials. At 7:15 in the morning Sister heard the words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord".

Sister M. Tiburtia, Johanna Riepensell
Born October 27, 1888 in Albersloh, Germany
Entered our Congregation May 21, 1919
Made Final Profession August 25, 1925
Died in Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville February 7, 1968.

Her whole religious life Sister M. Tiburtia spent in the United States, coming over while yet in the novitiate. Because Sister was trained in the household arts, she worked in her early years in the domestic departments of our various missions in the mid-west. Since 1940 Sister labored in the East wherever obedience assigned her. Sister was known as a faithful and conscientious worker. She performed her duties quietly and unassumingly. Sister suffered much from rheumatoid arthritis for many years and since 1962 was a patient in our Infirmary at St. Michael's. Here she spent her days close to the Lord. She prayed much for all the many intentions recommended to her. The Sisters all loved her because of her ever-ready smile, her ever-appreciative "Thank you"; her contentment and simplicity.

Our Lord was good to our dear Sister M. Tiburtia. As quietly as she lived, so quietly she died surrounded by her fellow sisters who with their prayers were now assisting her in her passage to eternity.

May she now rest in peace. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, February 10.

United in the Heart of Christ,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.