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ST. MICHAEL CONVENT
HYDE PARK
READING, PA., 19605
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"Now, Lord, you may dismiss your servant in peace according to your word."

Dear Sisters,

Last night, at 10:30 P.M., at the Hour of Compline, while the Church chanted the Canticle of Simeon in her night prayer, the Divine Master came to our dear Sister M. Crispina to dismiss His faithful servant from her many years of service in His vineyard and to lead her into the eternal light and glory of Heaven.

Sister M. Crispina - Elisabeth Drewes
Born February 9, 1886 at Driburg, Westfalia
Entered our Congregation October 15, 1906
Final Profession May 13, 1913
Died February 19, 1971 in Reading.

Sister M. Crispina came to the United States in May 1912. Therefore, she was one of our pioneer Sisters. For sixteen years she labored in the Motherhouse, sharing the hardships of those first beginnings when the Congregation was being established here in the States. In 1929 she was assigned to St. Joseph's Health Resort in Wedron, Illinois, where she served God's people for 40 years, till shortly before her death.

About three weeks ago Sister M. Crispina came to the Infirmary of St. Michael's. Although her health was steadily failing, the end came rather quickly. In the afternoon of February 19, she received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and at 10:30 that evening she was with her God. She was conscious almost to the very end.

Sister's passing away left a void in the hearts of the Sisters and friends of St. Joseph's in Wedron. She endeared herself to all who knew her by her simple, unassuming ways, by her loyalty, and by her wonderful sense of humor, which brightened many a Community recreation. Sister was a prayerful soul, displaying a great confidence in Divine Providence. We know that the loving Heart of Jesus will now fulfill our Sister's every desire.

Tuesday

On ~~Monday~~, February 23, at 4:00 P.M. a Requiem Mass will be celebrated for our dear departed Sister and immediately after we will accompany her to her final resting place in our Convent cemetery.

Sincerely yours in Corde Jesu,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.