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ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT
HYDE PARK
READING, PA., 19605
December 28, 1972

"Grant that our way of life may give witness to our faith in you
which our lips profess." (Prayer - Feast of the Holy Innocents)

Dear Sisters,

Tonight at 8:00 p.m. Our Divine Lord called our dear Sister M. Edeltrudis to Himself. She died a beautiful, peaceful death, serenely and quietly, just as she has lived.

Sister M. Edeltrudis - Therese Wrede
Born September 16, 1881 at Eickelborn, Germany
Entered the Congregation May 13, 1905
First Profession May 13, 1906
Died December 28, 1972 in Reading

Sister M. Edeltrudis was one of our pioneers who came to the U.S.A. in 1908. She is one of those Sisters who was responsible for obtaining our present motherhouse and became its first superior in 1910. In 1912 she became superior of a group of Sisters who were asked to come to Allentown, Pa. for home nursing during the diphtheria epidemic in that city. She was instrumental, with the late Msgr. Masson, in purchasing the Harvey mansion, which was the original building for the present Sacred Heart Hospital.

From 1915 until her retirement she was active in the teaching apostolate. She was a fine teacher, loved by her students and taught many children to know and love the Sacred Heart and our Mother Mary. Her "way of life gave witness to what her lips professed." For many years she served our Sisters as superior. They loved her humble, quiet, unassuming manner, her motherly solicitude for each Sister, her understanding of their individual needs. In 1965 she was admitted to our Motherhouse infirmary because of frequent heart attacks, with a loss of consciousness. Each new attack sapped her physical and mental strength, although she was able to be up and around until about a week ago when she was completely confined to bed. She was able to receive Holy Communion until a day before her death. Sister M. Edeltrudis was a very patient patient, appreciative of each little service and always told the nursing staff she would pray for them. This she said also to those who visited her.

Although we mourn the loss of our dear Sister, God seems to be reminding us to be brave in these times of turmoil in the world and to keep close to Him in love. Our Sisters in Heaven have left us not only an example of a beautiful life as M.S.C., but are our powerful intercessors at God's throne.

We will continue to remember our dear departed Sister in our prayers. The Holy Mass of the Resurrection will be on Saturday, December 30, 1972 at 3:30 p.m. Then she will be buried in our motherhouse cemetery.

In the Heart of Christ,

Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.