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"O God, you have made this most holy night radiant with your own brightness. Grant that we who have known the mystery of Christ's light on earth, may also enjoy His happiness in Heaven."

Dear Sisters,

Thus the Church prayed this morning on the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, who came toward evening at about 6:20 to take our dear Sister M. Edmunda to Himself, to enjoy forever the happiness of the eternal light of Heaven.

Sister M. Edmunda - Maria Goertz
Born May 17, 1888 in Eulenburg, Rheinland
Entered our Congregation June 1, 1910
Final Profession December 8, 1916
Died December 25, 1970 in the Good Samaritan Hospital
in Pottsville.

Sister M. Edmunda came to the U.S.A. in 1912 as a professed novice. Almost immediately Sister began her lifetime apostolate as housekeeper, especially on the school missions. She loved her work and found fulfillment in the performance of its many varied duties. She was active in many of our Houses till 1965, when creeping old age with its many ailments finally forced her to retire. During these last years at the Motherhouse she kept herself fully occupied with little chores, especially in the laundry and with needlework, which she did exceptionally well.

About a month ago Sister was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, where her condition grew steadily worse despite the best of care. She was given the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick while she was yet fully conscious. All along she was aware that this probably would be her last illness. But she was ready. The Sisters at the hospital were constantly watching at her bedside and praying with her and for her till she finally breathed her last.

Sister M. Edmunda took her religious life very seriously. She considered her vocation a tremendous grace from God for which she was ever grateful. She was a very prayerful soul. Keenly interested in people and in the daily events of life, her scope of intentions embraced the whole world. She in particular loved to pray for our Congregation, for the superiors, and for perseverance among the Sisters. Now that she has reached her goal she, no doubt, will continue to intercede for us, seeing things more clearly now in God. Let us keep Sister in our prayers, too.

The funeral Mass will be on Monday, December 28, at 3:00 p.m., after which Sister will be buried in our Motherhouse cemetery.

Sincerely in the Heart of Christ,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.