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"My heart overflows with a goodly theme;-as I sing my ode to the King."

(Intr.of Sat. Mass)

Dear Sisters,

Last night, Saturday, May 8, at about 10:30 p.m. the Lord came to take his faithful spouse, our dear Sister M. Praxedis, Home to His Kingdom, whereforever she may now sing the praises of the King.

Sister M. Praxedis - Maria Roewekamp
Born December 11, 1884 in Rulle, Osnabrueck
Entered the Congregation May 13, 1908
Made Final Profession May 15, 1914
Died May 8, 1971 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville.

A beautiful life has ended with a beautiful death. Sister M. Praxedis has spent 45 years of her religious life at the Knights of St. George Home for the Aged in Wellsburg, W.Va. She took care of her patients with loving care. They loved and respected her. Her rather quick passing into eternity has filled the hearts of these old people with grief.

Our Sister had a great devotion to St. Joseph. She kept a vigil light burning on the altar continuously as an expression of her love, and instructed the Sisters to keep it burning until she returned after her recovery. St. Joseph must have arranged with God for her peaceful going Home to her beloved.

Sister has been ailing for the past several years; but almost to the end she tried to be helpful wherever she could. Her genuine kindness and helpfulness, her beautiful sense of humor and cheerfulness as well as her prayerfulness endeared her to the hearts of her fellow-Sisters and the residents of the Home. Not only was she concerned that her patients were well cared for in life; but she also delighted in caring for their graves in the cemetery.

Two weeks ago Sister M. Praxedis realized that her strength was failing and asked to come up North to get medical attention. She was hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville for about a week, receiving treatment for a severe infection on her legs. On Saturday, May 8, she developed symptoms of pneumonia and then heart failure. The priest was called and administered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Sister was fully conscious and followed all the prayers. "I am so happy," she whispered after the anointing and fell then quietly asleep in the Lord.

Even though we trust that our dear Sister is already enjoying the Beatific Vision, let us remember her in our prayers. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, the second day of our May retreat. Following the Mass will be the funeral in our Convent cemetery.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.