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"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son"...(Mark 9:7)

Dear Sisters,

This Gospel verse from today's Holy Mass applies so well to our dear Sister M. Protasia who died this morning at 7:05 a.m. at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville.

Sister M. Protasia - Maria Levenig
Born June 20, 1889 in Oestereiden, Germany
Entered our Congregation December 8, 1911
First Profession December 8, 1912
Died March 18, 1973 in Good Samaritan Hospital,
in Pottsville, Pa.

We were just about to begin our Eucharistic celebration when we received news of her death. How fitting are the words of today's responsorial psalm: "I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living." Holy Mass has been the center of Sister M. Protasia's life. She often said how she put everything into the chalice at the Offertory, and how she united herself to Jesus' sacrifice after the Consecration.

Sister M. Protasia came to the U.S.A. in 1913. Last year she celebrated her diamond jubilee with great joy and with gratitude to God for her religious vocation. She was always a conscientious and faithful religious. Often she said how good God has been to her. Sister worked quietly and lovingly as a homemaker in many of our houses. She prayed much; the needs of our Congregation were especially close to her heart.

Sister came to the Motherhouse in 1959 and participated in its activities as long as her strength permitted. During the past two years her physical strength gradually diminished. She was always grateful for all that was done for her, and bore the infirmities of her aging years with patience, without complaint. She was able to be up and around until Thursday. While she was showing Sister M. Alfreda how to crochet sleeves into a sweater, she suffered a stroke. The priest was called immediately and gave her the Sacrament of the Sick. She followed the prayers, though she could not respond. She was admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital where she lapsed into a coma from which she never recovered. This is the way she wished to die and God fulfilled her desire. Let us remember Sister in our prayers.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be on Tuesday, March 20, 1973 at 4:00 p.m. After that she will be buried in the Convent cemetery.

In the Heart of Christ,

Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.