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ST. MICHAEL CONVENT  
HYDE PARK  
READING, PA., 19605  
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"The favors of the Lord I will sing forever; through aa generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness." (Psalm 88)

Dear Sisters,

Today at 4:00 p.m., at the Hour of None, the Lord called our dear Sister M. Richardis to Himself into His Kingdom, there forever to sing the favors of the Lord and His faithfulness.

Sister M. Richardis Bernardine Wennersheide  
Born January 13, 1882 at Dumberg, Westfalia  
Entered our Congregation October 13, 1903  
Made Final Profession May 13, 1910  
Died February 12, 1971 in Reading.

Sister M. Richardis arrived in the United States in 1910, only two years after the first Sisters began missionary activity here. Therefore, she can be considered one of our pioneer Sisters.

Sister spent sixty years of her religious life in the service of God's people at several of our missions. Thirty-seven of these years were spent at St. Joseph's Health Resort in Wedron, Illinois. Here Sister left her imprint. In the Treatment Room of the Physical Therapy Department, where she spent most of her time, Sister radiated only kindness and friendliness and an eager willingness to help. The guests whom she treated missed her very much when she left.

In the community she was a sister to all, very conscientious, unassuming, and self-forgetful.

Sister was active until advanced age robbed her of her physical strength. Then she spent her days in prayer, making several Holy Hours everyday. Almost to the end she took delight in leading the rosary in Chapel in the evening for the guests.

Four months before her death Sister became bed-ridden, her strength rapidly failing. Since it was her great desire to die in the Motherhouse, she was brought to St. Michael's a month before she died. Sister was well prepared to meet her God, having received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick twice and having her God come to her in Holy Communion almost to the very end.

As the end was seen to be approaching, more Sisters gathered around her bedside, assisting our dying Sister with their prayers, until she returned her soul into the hands of God. Though we are confident that our dear departed Sister is already with God, singing His favors, we will gratefully remember her in our prayer.

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday, February 15, at 4:00 P.M. Following will be the funeral in our Motherhouse cemetery.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.