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"I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living."
(Resp. Psalm)

Dear Sisters,

Today, on the 63rd anniversary of Sister M. Rosalia (Anna Schrameyer's) arrival at Hilstrup, the Good Shepherd of today's Gospel came at 7:40 a.m. to take His faithful bride Home. Sister was born October 21, 1889 at Ibbenbueren, Germany. She entered our Congregation May 15, 1911; made Final Profession May 15, 1917 and died November 8, 1973.

Sister M. Rosalia came to the United States in 1912. She spent a year at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown. Since 1914 she was at St. Michael's Convent in Reading, Pa., where she served as receptionist in addition to other responsibilities until March 1964, when she suffered from a stroke from which she never fully recovered. She spent about the last six years in our Infirmary. Although she could not communicate verbally in these last years, she seemed to be completely aware of everything that was going on around her, even to the last day. Three weeks ago she had the joy of receiving a visit from her niece and her husband from Germany. She was quite alert when she received Holy Communion on Wednesday. Late in the afternoon she had a myocardial infarct, but seemed to follow the prayers when she was anointed.

Since Sister M. Rosalia was the Motherhouse receptionist, everyone of our Sisters got to know her and love her. Her face and her eyes always expressed a beautiful smile, peace, joy and contentment. She was never heard to utter an unkind or impatient word. All admired her as a kind, gentle, even-tempered, simple, humble and selfless person who was never known to refuse a favor. She had such a keen eye for the needs of others, that she fulfilled them even before she was asked to do so. She was truly a servant of the servants of God. As Jesus was a "Man for God and a Man for others", so was also our dear Sister M. Rosalia, who modeled her life closely on His. She was a woman of great faith and prayer, a model of patience in suffering, a truly great MSC. She had a great love for the poor and made many packages for them and for the missions.

In today's first Reading St. Paul writes, ". . . We shall ^{all} have to appear before the judgment seat of God. Everyone of us will have to give an account of himself." How easy it must have been for our dear Sister to give this account of a lifetime of love.

While we ask her to pray for us, we will remember her also in our prayers, and especially at Holy Mass.

The funeral Mass will be on Saturday, November 10, 1973 at 2:30 p.m. She will be buried in the Motherhouse cemetery.

In the Heart of Christ,

Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.