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"Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former things have passed away . . . I saw a new Jerusalem . . . beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband."

Dear Sisters,

This morning's liturgy reminded us that death is a topic often avoided; yet for the Christian it should be a long-awaited moment. For our dear Sister M. Theodehildis it was a moment she eagerly longed for over a period of several years.

Sister M. Theodehildis - Elizabeth Pfeifer  
Born October 22, 1899 in Siegen, Germany  
Entered the Congregation May 6, 1924  
First Profession May 7, 1925  
Died November 30, 1972

It is said that the homemaker is the heart of the home. Sister M. Theodehildis was for 36 years of her life the heart of several of our school missions, where she spent her days in the service of love for her Sisters. She did all she could to provide delicious, attractive meals for them. She was always eager to ease the burden of the teachers, offering to do little acts of love for them. Her childlike simplicity made her a friend to all.

Sister came to the Motherhouse in 1964 when her physical condition made it impossible for her to be fully active. She suffered a great deal over the years from an advanced degenerative disk disease which caused severe backache and headache. About a year ago she suffered a paralysis of the lower half of her body and lost her power of speech. Her mind remained fairly clear to the end. Though she could not express herself in words, she did so by a smile, by a handclasp. She loved to have the Sisters pray with her because she had always been a woman of prayer with a very special love for Mary.

Sister was able to receive Holy Communion until Tuesday. On Wednesday she took a turn for the worse and received again the Sacrament of the Sick. She died on Thursday, November 30, 1972 at 6:55 p.m. peacefully and quietly, conscious almost to the end, to become another friend in heaven, praying for us.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be on Monday, December 4th at 3:30 p.m. She will be buried in our Motherhouse cemetery. We will continue to pray for Sister, especially at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In the Heart of Christ,  
Sister M. Dacia, M.S.C.