

ST. MICHAEL CONVENT  
HYDE PARK  
READING, PA., 19605

November 28, 1974

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart."

(Antiphone from today's morning prayer)

Dear Sisters,

While we in the United States are celebrating our national Thanksgiving Day, our dear Sister M. Theophila began her "eternal thanksgiving day" when our Lord called her to Himself at 2:00 a.m. this morning.

Sister M. Theophila, M.S.C.  
Emma Henningfeld  
Born May 30, 1882 at Bochum, Germany  
Entered our Congregation December 8, 1910  
Final Profession December 8, 1916  
Died November 28, 1974 in Reading, Pa.

Sister M. Theophila, the sister of our recently deceased Sister M. Editha, was active in the teaching apostolate from her arrival in the States in 1913 until 1962. She was a fine teacher who tried to impart to her students by word and example the love of Our Lord as well as to prepare them for their life's work. As a Sister, and for many years a superior, she tried to be kind to her Sisters, giving them herself, her time, and whatever they needed.

From 1963 to 1973 Sister was a Patient Visitor at Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown, Pa. The patients waited for the little Sister who prayed with them, comforted them, who cheered their days with a smile or by relating a little humorous incident, if that was what they needed. Sister had to give up this beautiful apostolate in March 1973 when her health failed and she came to our motherhouse infirmary. People still ask about her when they come as patients or to visit in the hospital.

Sister M. Theophila was well prepared for death. She often talked about it and even last evening expressed her longing to go Home to God. He heard her prayer; she just quietly slept away into eternity. We have gained another friend in heaven who will be praying for us.

Let us remain united with our dear Sister in prayer and especially remember her at the Holy Sacrifice. The funeral Mass will be on Saturday, November 30, 1974 at 3:00 p.m., after which she will be buried in the motherhouse cemetery.

In His Heart,

Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.