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"I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." (Lk. 1:38)

Dear Sisters,

In the past five weeks Sister M. Therese is the third Sister of our province to be called Home by God on Mary's day, Saturday.

Sister M. Therese - Catherine Lackmann
Born May 23, 1906 in Hoetmar, Germany
Entered the Congregation September 9, 1928
First Profession September 10, 1929
Died November 18, 1972

Sister M. Therese was a great lover of Mary and like Mary accepted not only every manifest will of God, but also every circumstance permitted by Him, especially her physical handicap which resulted from a severe stroke in 1951. After many months of recuperation from an extensive brain surgery, she regained not only consciousness but also the use of her left leg, even though she limped. Her left arm remained paralyzed. In spite of this handicap she cheerfully and lovingly performed her duties as a nurse at Mt. Trexler, Limeport, Pa. until she was admitted for surgery to Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown, six weeks ago, where the diagnosis of inoperable advanced cancer of the liver and neighboring organs was made. She died at 12:16 p.m. while her Sisters were praying with her.

Sister M. Therese as a registered nurse worked in several of our hospitals, her latest assignment being at Limeport where she lovingly served the chronically ill and the aged. Those who lived with her will always remember her as a Marian and Eucharistic soul, a courageous, kind, loving person, who was always concerned about the needs of others. Her fellow Sisters say that she never said an unkind word about anyone and never complained about her cross. She was an inspiration to all; everyone respected and loved her as a tremendous person. She loved our Congregation, especially the foreign missions. The patients at Limeport will miss her gracious smile, her cheerful "Good morning, good people" and her loving services. We, her Sisters know we have gained a new friend in Heaven. She died as she has lived with loving resignation, beautifully, peacefully, quietly, with a promise to pray for us.

Sister M. Therese had two Sisters in our Congregation: Sister M. Gordiana who is in Germany and Sister M. Elfriede who has died November 26, 1971.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be on Tuesday, November 21, 1972 at 3:30 p.m. The burial will be in the Motherhouse cemetery.

We will continue to keep Sister M. Therese in our prayers, especially at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In the Heart of Christ,

Sister M. Dacia, M.S.C.