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ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT  
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"Be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting Him." (Luke 12, 40)

Dear Sisters,

So it actually happened with our dear Sister M. Walburga, who left us rather quickly and unexpectedly Sunday afternoon at 4:10 p.m.

Sister M. Walburga - Anna Klaves  
Born January 18, 1884 at Greven, Germany  
Entered the Congregation October 20, 1903  
Made First Profession May 13, 1905  
Died January 18, 1970

Sister M. Walburga came to the United States March 16, 1910. Sixty years of her life she gave to God's service here in this country, working for Him in various capacities in our many institutions. She especially loved her assignment in Chester where she did home-nursing. Here she made many friends, among them a convert who became her life-long friend.

Sister was a deeply prayerful soul. When her days of active service were over, she cherished but one desire: to spend her remaining days in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray especially for the conversion of sinners.

Sister came to the Infirmary December 10, 1969, after having suffered a few heart attacks in Devon where she had been assigned to for the year. It disturbed her a bit that after the last heart attack she could not regain her strength as before. Yet she never complained; she was always pleasant and kind. Sister knew that she would have to be ready for God's call at any moment. She asked for the Last Rites as soon as she came to the Motherhouse. Her illness did not confine her to bed. There were days when she was with the community in Chapel and in the dining room.

Sister M. Walburga eagerly awaited her 86th birthday on January 18th. On that day, her convert friend, Miss Carty, promised to visit her, bring her a birthday cake and spend the afternoon with her. The day came. She was so happy receiving the good wishes of the many Sisters who came to see her. In the afternoon her friend came with a companion. While visiting with them, Sister suddenly had another heart attack. She was quickly brought to her room and put to bed. After a few minutes her condition turned for the worst and she breathed her last. The Sisters who were visiting the sick at the time prayed with her and the priest was called. Her friends were still in the sun-parlor but Sister was already with God. Wasn't God good to her, even fulfilling her wish to live to celebrate her 86th birthday because her friends wanted to visit her on that day?

Although Sister was well prepared and waiting for the Lord's call, yet she will appreciate our remembrance of her in our prayers.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,  
Mother M. Bridget, M.S.C.