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"The Lord is coming to save His people; happy are those
prepared to meet Him."

(Alleluia Verse, Today's Liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

As our Sisters in Holy Family Villa were waiting for their
10:00 a.m. liturgy to begin we received word that our Sister Antonina
had just met her Lord in glory. Truly she was prepared to meet Him.



Sister M. Antonina, M.S.C. - Arelia Lapos
Born: November 21, 1898
First Profession: November 21, 1917
Died: December 11, 1985

Sister Antonina was born in Czechoslovakia and came to the
United States in April, 1913. She entered our congregation as an
aspirant in September of the following year. From 1918 until 1977,
fifty-nine years, Sister Antonina was active in the education ministry.
She taught every grade from first through high school in the following
places: McAdoo, Northampton, St. Michael's, Reading, St. John's and
Central Catholic, Allentown, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Little Flower,
Philadelphia. Sister was an excellent teacher and was well-loved by
her students.

In 1977 Sister Antonina retired and came to live in the Motherhouse.
She suffered from severe arthritis and a cardiac condition. She
accepted her ailments and incapacity with patience and quiet resignation.
She prayed much for the salvation of souls and offered her sufferings
for them.

Sister Antonina was able to attend Mass in the infirmary chapel
up to and including yesterday morning. That same afternoon she
collapsed in her room and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. This
morning at 9:30 a.m. she suffered a heart attack, and died peacefully
shortly afterwards.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday,
December 14, at 11:00 a.m. after which she will be buried in our
convent cemetery. Let us continue to be united with our dear Sister
in our prayers.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomaite, M.S.C.