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"Oh God, you are my God, for you I long."  
 (Ps. 63 of morning prayers)

Dear Sisters,

Today at noon, after a very long life and several months of intense suffering, Our Lord stilled the longing of our dear Sister Bartholomew and called her to Himself.



Sister M. Bartholomew, M.S.C.  
 Maria Honerkamp  
 Born: September 8, 1886  
 First Profession: December 8, 1913  
 Died: January 24, 1983 in Reading, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Sister Bartholomew was the oldest member of the United States Province. She came to the United States in 1914. As a professional nurse, she ministered in St. Paul's Orphanage, Reading; our hospitals in Allentown, Pottsville, and Norristown; and also in Wedron and Wellsburg. Sister spent thirteen years at Mount St. John's in Dayton, Ohio. As infirmarian there she was well loved and respected. All through the years, parents of the students as well as the Marianist Brothers themselves kept up correspondence with her.

In 1965 Sister Bartholomew came to the motherhouse to retire. She was a great lover of nature, and in her early years of retirement one often found her outside caring for the flowers and shrubs.

Since 1976 Sister Bartholomew has been in our Infirmary, and for the past four years she has been bedridden. In the last several months Sister has suffered intense pain. Today at 11:50 a.m., very peacefully, she returned her soul into the hands of her Creator.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and the burial the following morning in our convent cemetery.

Let us continue to remember our dear sister in love and in prayer.

Yours in the love of Christ,

*Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.*