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" In you all find their home."
(Yesterday's Office)

Dear Sisters,

Last evening, our dear Sister M. Calasanz was called home to enjoy the fullness of God's loving presence.

Sister M. Calasanz, M.S.C.
Gertrude Auster
Born: September 23, 1897 in Erwitte, W. Germany
First Profession: May 7, 1925
Died: January 31, 1980 in Pottsville

Sister Calasanz came to America as a novice in 1924. She is the sister of our Sister M. Camilliana in Oeventrop. Shortly after completing her studies, she served as a nurse in several of our hospitals, including Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Saint Mary's Hospital in Athens, Sacred Heart Hospital in Norristown, The Knights of Saint George Home in Wellsburg, and Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville where she died.

Sister retired from nursing a year ago when she suffered a fractured hip. Her heart condition grew more severe, necessitating repeated hospitalization. She spent her brief retirement enjoying needlework and in doing whatever she could for others.

Last night she told the Sisters who came to say good night to her after their holy hour in preparation for First Friday, "What a beautiful night to die. I am going to die tonight." Shortly afterward, her condition grew worse and she was taken to the intensive care unit of the hospital, where, within an hour, her earthly pilgrimage was ended.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in the Motherhouse on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. On Monday morning at 10:00 a.m., Sister Calasanz will be buried in our convent cemetery.

Let us in love and prayer remember our dear Sister Calasanz who will surely also remember us.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Lorraine, M.S.C.