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"We have seen his glory,
the glory of God's only Son, full of grace and truth."
(Communion antiphon of today's liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

Today at about 11:00 A.M., just after the priest had prayed the above words at Mass, our dear Sister Christine Seiler did behold God's glory. For many years Sister had been bedridden, suffering from advanced Alzheimer's disease as well as other complications. On numerous occasions during the past year, Sister Christine seemed to be at the point of death, only to have her condition stabilize once more. This time, however, she died peacefully about fifteen minutes after taking a visible turn for the worse. Many of us were praying at her bedside when she died.



Sister Christine Marie Seiler - (Engratia)
Born: February 26, 1917 in Bottrop, Germany
First Profession: August 16, 1938
Died: January 3, 1994 in Reading, PA

Sister Christine was received into the aspirancy in 1931 and began her candidacy in 1936. After completing her novitiate, Sister trained to be a nurse and served ably in this capacity in hospitals in Germany during the difficult years of World War II and the early postwar period.

After coming to the United States in 1951, Sister Christine became a laboratory technician, working with great devotion at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown and Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville. Upon completing advanced studies in this field in 1962, Sister was able to assume the position of laboratory supervisor in Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown, Good Samaritan Hospital, and St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, Georgia.

In 1975, Sister Christine was selected to be a member of the renewal team for the province and served in this capacity until 1977. From 1977 until 1986, she was a devoted pastoral minister in Catasauqua, Pottsville, Limeport, Allentown, and Nazareth.

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In 1986, Sister Christine was assigned to the Motherhouse because of failing health and had been a patient in the infirmary (Holy Family Center) since 1987. After a number of years of intense mental anguish, Sister became apparently unaware of her surroundings. She nevertheless suffered severe physical pain at times. She who filled up in her body what was wanting to the sufferings of Christ has now become a sharer in his glory.

Sister Christine is remembered as a loving community member, kind and capable in whatever ministry was assigned to her. Sister was also a deeply prayerful person. She will be remembered gratefully, especially at the Mass of Resurrection to be celebrated at 3:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 5. After that, she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Rita M. Ehrmann, M.S.C.

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