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"Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in  
your saving power. I will sing to the Lord for  
His goodness to me."

Today's Entrance Antiphon

Dear Sister,

Last evening, in His goodness and love, Our Lord called our dear Sister  
Epiphania to himself.

Sister M. Epiphania, MSC  
Susie Ditsky  
Born: December 29, 1901  
First Profession: November 24, 1919  
Died: August 17, 1984

Sister M. Epiphania was born in Lansford, Pennsylvania. She entered our  
community as Aspirant in 1916, and professed final vows in 1924.

After completing her nursing education at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown,  
Sister served as a registered nurse in the following places for a total of 55 years:  
Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown and Norristown, Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville,  
Mt. Trexler, Limeport, Villa St. Elizabeth, Reading, Mount St. John Infirmary, Dayton,  
Ohio, Knights of St. George Home, Wellsburg, West Virginia. In 1975, when her own  
health began to fail, Sister came to St. Michael's to retire. However, because of  
her love for the sick and her deep desire to serve the Lord in and through them,  
she continued to work part time in our infirmary.

Sister Epiphania was an exceptional nurse. Always she was aware of much more  
than the physical needs of her patients. She also ministered to their families and  
their needs. People who were nursed by Sister more than thirty years ago continue  
to send her beautiful letters of gratitude. Truly, she has made God's love present  
to many, never considering the cost to herself.

About two years ago Sister was hospitalized for diabetes and a heart condition.  
Then, she herself joined the community of suffering Sisters in our infirmary. This  
evening Sister enjoyed her supper. Later when she was made ready for the night she  
was alert and responsive. Then, about 8:30 p.m. without any warning, she quietly  
returned her soul to the Lord to sing forever of His goodness to her.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday, August 20th at  
3:30 p.m. In prayer, we will continue to be united with our Sister always.

In the love of Our Lord,

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

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