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Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee!

Dear Sisters,

Sister Ethelreda's trust in her Beloved was fulfilled as He called her home this evening at 7:00 p.m.



Sister M. Ethelreda - Antonia Eikel  
 Born: July 28, 1899  
 First Profession: February 3, 1923  
 Entered into eternal life: August 10, 1986

Sister Ethelreda was born in Paderborn, Germany and is the aunt of Sister Thaddäa Maria Eikel, MSC in Hilstrup. Sister Ethelreda came to the USA in 1923. From 1923 till 1949 she served in the domestic departments in St. Paul Orphanage, Reading; St. George Home, Wellsburg; and Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown. From 1949 until 1965 she ministered as an x-ray technician in St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, Georgia. In 1965 she returned to Wellsburg and in 1970 she retired to the infirmary.

Sister Ethelreda was a very conscientious religious who worked hard at anything she was asked to do. Never questioning an assignment, she always accepted it as the will of God for her. As a young Sister, she contracted tuberculosis and later in life she was severely afflicted with crippling arthritis and also developed a heart condition. She offered all her sufferings in union with Our Lord for our congregation and the conversion of sinners. Her favorite prayer was "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee." She also had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother. The very last prayer she asked the Sisters to pray with her was the Memorare to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

For the past several weeks Sister was growing weaker. Two weeks ago she was anointed and was graced with a beautiful peace. After the anointing she often asked Sisters to pray that she would die, for now she had no fear of death. Clear to the very end, she offered her last suffering to save souls. Today the doctor came in to see her and told the nurse that Sister was not near death. However, a short time later, Sister slipped into the arms of the Sacred Heart in Whom she had so much trust all her life.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 13, at 11:00 a.m. and the burial in the convent cemetery will follow. Let us remain united with Sister in our prayers, carrying on that trust she witnessed to so well in her life.

In the Love of our Lord,

*Sister Philip*