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"Lord, as a new day dawns send the radiance of your light to shine
in our heart."

(Wednesday, Morning Prayers)

Dear Sisters,

As this new day dawned, the Lord of Light called our dear Sister Evangelista to Himself at 6:30 a.m.

Sister M. Evangelista - Maria Tuider
Born: February 26, 1892 in Oberdorf, Hungary
First Profession: March 25, 1917
Died: August 5, 1981 in Reading, Pennsylvania, USA

Sister Evangelista came to the United States as a young girl in 1909. She worked for a few years and then entered our congregation in 1915. From 1917 to 1975 Sister Evangelista was active in domestic services. She worked in very many of our houses over the years: Bethlehem, Columbus, Wellsburg, Beacon, Lansford, Hilltown, New Hamburg, Allentown, Limeport, Devon, Coplay, and St. Cyril's and St. Michael's in Reading. In 1975 she retired from apostolic activity and joined the community at Villa St. Elizabeth in Reading.

In her many years in the active apostolate Sister Evangelista was kind, unassuming and grateful. She loved people and was always friendly and hospitable.

In the last few years Sister walked with the aid of a walker and was a part of all community exercises. About two months ago she was hospitalized due to severe back pain. After a few days she returned from the hospital, but was no longer able to get around unaided. On July 5 of this year she came to the motherhouse infirmary.

This morning Sister Evangelista woke up about twenty of six. One of the nurses helped her to wash and to get settled in her chair. While the nurse was making her bed, Sister Evangelista said, "I think I am going to die." The nurses helped her to bed and a few minutes later her vital signs became very weak. Father was called, and shortly afterwards, with a few Sisters praying around her bed, she very peacefully died.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for Sister on Friday, August 7 at 10:00 a.m., afterwhich will be the burial in the convent cemetery.

Let us continue to remember our dear Sister Evangelista in our prayers.

In the love of Christ,

Sister M. Thomasite, M.S.C.