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"Come, let us sing to the Lord, let us approach Him with
praise and thanksgiving. Come, let us bow down and worship."
(Invitatory)

Dear Sisters,

This morning at 7:00 a.m., as we prayed the invitatory psalm, Sister Luitgard answered the Lord's invitation to "Come."

Sister M. Luitgard - Anna Schmiemann
Born: July 29, 1899 in Muenster, W. Germany
First Profession: May 6, 1924
Died: July 7, 1981 in St. Joseph Hospital, Reading, PA

Sister Luitgard came to the United States in 1923 as a postulant. From 1925-1976 she served in the teaching apostolate. In those years she taught in many of our parish schools located in Bethlehem, Northampton, Philadelphia, Coopersburg, Coplay, Nazareth, and Haycock. She was an excellent teacher, well-loved by her students and by her co-workers. She was a very pleasant person and always ready to help others.

In 1976 Sister Luitgard came to the motherhouse to retire. Sister was always happy and cheerful and radiated a smile. Even as her health declined in recent years and her memory failed, the joy of the Lord was evident in her life.

This past Sunday, while she was being walked down the corridor, she suffered a stroke which affected her left side. The nurses helped her back into bed and the doctor was called. A short time later she ate her supper with good appetite. In about three hours her condition grew rapidly worse and she was taken to the hospital. There she lapsed into a coma and never regained consciousness.

Throughout her life, Sister Luitgard was very interested in others, especially her fellow Sisters and those in her care. May we continue to remember her in our love and in our prayer.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday, July 9, at 4:00 p.m. followed by the burial in the convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, MSC