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"I rejoiced when I heard them say:
let us go to God's house."
(Saturday evening Vespers)

Dear Sisters,

Last evening at about 9:45 p.m., Sister Mary Dolores heard the invitation of the psalmist addressed to her. She quietly slipped away from us while a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.



Sister Mary Dolores, MSC - Mary Bucko
Born: October 5, 1904 in Bethlehem, PA
First Profession: December 1, 1923
Died: February 29, 1992 in Reading, PA

Sister Mary Dolores retired to St. Michael's in 1979 after serving 55 years in the teaching ministry. In 1984 Sister joined Holy Family Community when she needed nursing care. It was during this time that the Lord began a more intense time of purification for Sister Dolores. She was unable to walk because of very poor circulation and became confined to a wheelchair. She experienced several strokes, one of which left her unable to talk, leading to so much frustration. Through prayer, Sister finally became resigned to God's will, accepting her limitations, even though at times she did express her anguish.

Sister taught in almost everyone of our school stations and those who taught with Sister say that she was an excellent teacher. The fact that she gave model lessons for beginning teachers is indicative of her teaching skills. Some of our sisters who were her pupils say her classes were always very lively and her presentations very clear. She made use of her artistic talents in teaching by illustrations and diagrams. Sisters who lived with Sister Dolores could count on her to help them decorate their own classrooms. She was extremely diligent in preparing children to receive the Sacraments.

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Sister always had children around her. Her sense of humor took away any fear the children might have of their teacher. She was also very friendly and outgoing to parents and parishioners. People loved her. She continued to receive letters from her former pupils during her retirement. A family from Northampton continued to visit her during her stay in Holy Family because she had taught their children. Through her friendliness, kindness, and sense of humor, Sister was able to bring others closer to God.

Sister Dolores had a great love of the Eucharist and of Our Lady. This was evident in the time and care she took to decorate the altars in church. She always set up a magnificent May altar. Sister was gifted and she used her gifts for others.

On Wednesday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m., we shall celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for Sister. She will then be buried in our convent cemetery. We are grateful to Sister Dolores for her many years of devoted service to students, families, and to our community.

In the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, MSC