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March 15, 1984

"My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready."

Ps. 57 - Morning Praise

Dear Sisters,

Without a doubt, Sister Irma's heart was ready when Our Lord called her to Himself today.



Sister Mary Irma, M.S.C.
Maria Schulenburg
Born: August 4, 1902
First Vows: August 26, 1924
Died: March 15, 1984

Sister Mary Irma (Irmgilda) came to America in 1923. She served as a teacher in Our Lady of Hungary, Northampton, St. Michael's, Lansford, SS. Cyril & Methodius, Reading, Holy Family, Nazareth, St. Henry's, Philadelphia, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Slatington.

Sister's teaching career came to an end when she suffered a Cerebral Vascular Accident in 1975. After that hospitalization she remained in the hospital community for the rest of the year to be of service to the Sisters. Always, Sister Irma loved lending a helping hand or being of service to others. However, her memory began to fail and in 1976 she had to retire to Villa St. Elizabeth Community. The following year she became ill again with a Subdural Hematoma and was then transferred to the Motherhouse Infirmary, where she continued to make her heart ready for the Lord's coming.

For the past six years Sister became progressively weaker and more confused. This morning her day began as usual. However, after breakfast she began to have difficulty breathing; her color was poor. She was given oxygen and Father Dillon came to anoint her. Many of the Sisters stayed with her, praying and singing her favorite hymns until 2:30 p.m. when she peacefully returned her soul to God.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for Sister on Saturday March 17th at 4 p.m. Immediately afterwards she will be buried in our convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.