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"Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

Dear Sisters,

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., the Lord welcomed the spirit of Sister Moranda into His heavenly home.



Sr. M. Moranda, MSC
Josephine vom Orde
Born: November 2, 1903
First Profession: February 3, 1926
Died: June 26, 1986

Sr. Moranda was born in Essen, Germany. She entered our congregation on July 29, 1924. Her ministry until 1949 was in teaching, where she had a profound influence on the children in teaching them about the personal love of God. Until today, her former students have returned to express their gratitude. In 1949, Sister entered the health apostolate and served in Georgia, Allentown, Pottsville, Limeport, Wedron, and Norristown. In 1975, Sister returned to school as librarian in Philadelphia, and in 1977, she came to the motherhouse because of poor health. In February of this year, the doctor diagnosed her condition to be cancer.

Sister was truly a joyful and peaceful spirit. Even in her severe illness, she never lost her sense of humor. She had the ability to let others join in her happiness as, for example, she awaited a call or a visit from home -- or as she anticipated the celebration of her 60th Jubilee this year on May 18th.

Her joy in the Lord was solid, for it was grounded not in the situation around her, but in the redemptive love of Christ. For her, each day the reception of Holy Communion provided her with the peace and joy needed for that day. In imitation of her own mother, Sister's way to the Lord was through the Seven Last Words of Christ on the cross. She requested that these be prayed on her deathbed. Today, at 12:00 noon, Sister's condition made a change. From 12:00 noon, until 3:00 p.m., Sister lived those words to the fullest as Sisters surrounded her bed accompanying her in prayer. At 3:00 p.m., she breathed her: "It is consummated", as she peacefully returned her soul to the Lord.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday, June 28th at 10:30 a.m. and interment will follow immediately. Let us remain united with our dear Sister as she lives her new life in the complete joy of the Lord!

Sr. Agnes Marie, M. S. C.