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"The love of God has been poured into our hearts
by his Spirit living in us, alleluia."
(Vigil Mass of Pentecost)

Dear Sisters,

Our Sister Paula experienced the outpouring of God's love as He welcomed her into his eternal embrace. It was around 5:15 p.m. on the Vigil of Pentecost and on the first Saturday of the month that Sister Paula died. Her physical blindness is no longer a handicap; now she sees face-to-face.



Sister M. Paula, MSC (Polyxena)-Katherina Borgmeier
Born: December 30, 1899 in Laer, Germany
First Profession: February 3, 1923
Died: June 6, 1992 in Reading, PA

Sister Paula came to the United States one month after her first profession. Sister was trained as a teacher, a ministry which she loved and served in for forty years. She was a good teacher, appreciated by the children. One of her pupils from St. Henry's wrote to her on a regular basis.

In 1968 Sister had to retire from teaching because of her failing eyesight. Cataract surgery proved to be a failure so she eventually became blind. From 1972 to 1982 Sister Paula served as a patient visitor at Mt. Trexler Nursing Home in Limeport. She provided a listening ear to the elderly and comforted them in many small ways. Sister was often seen carrying a tape recorder in order to play music for the patients.

As Sister became more and more handicapped with her sight and her hearing, it was necessary for her to retire to Holy Family Community in 1982. Sister initially managed to get around with the use of a cane, participating fully in community life in Holy Family. However, she grew gradually weaker and was more and more confined to a wheelchair. During these years of inactivity, Sister told someone that it was a grace that God had

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taken her sight from her. He had now granted her the gift of contemplation. Since she was not able to read, the Rosary became a constant companion of Sister Paula's. She not only held it but she prayed it. Praying the rosary was like holding on to Mary's hand. Mary did take her home on her day, the first Saturday of the month of the Sacred Heart.

The funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 3:30 p.m. Sister will then be buried in our convent cemetery. We are grateful for Sister Paula's prayerful, quiet presence to us during the sixty-nine years of her vowed life with us.

In the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, M. S. C.