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"I will turn darkness into light before them, Alleluia!"

(Morning Prayers)

Dear Sisters,

This morning at 7:15, Sister M. Petra left the darkness of this life to enter into the eternal light with her Beloved.



Sr. M. Petra, MSC

Mary Bednar

Born: December 24, 1903

First Profession: December 1, 1923

Died: April 29, 1985

Sister Petra was born in Hauto, Pa. She entered our congregation as an aspirant in 1919. From 1924 until 1978, Sister ministered in the field of education in the following places: SS Cyril & Methodius, Bethlehem; SS Cyril & Methodius, Coaldale; Sacred Heart Home, Coopersburg; St. John's, Allentown; Assumption BVM, Slatington; and St. Michael's, Lansford, until she retired because of poor health.

Quiet and unassuming, Sister Petra lived out her vocation in the example of Mary, to whom she was especially devoted. In her ministry, she always gave evidence of great love and concern for the poor and underprivileged. She shared a special love with the children of Sacred Heart Home, Coopersburg.

After her retirement to Holy Family Villa community, Sister assisted the sacristan in the infirmary chapel. However, in February of this year, her physical condition failed considerably, and Sister was admitted to the infirmary. From that time on, she became progressively weaker. This morning at 7:15 a.m., in the presence of many Sisters, Sr. Petra quietly breathed her last, entering into the world of eternal light which the Risen Lord has prepared for her.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Sister on Wednesday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m. Let us stay united with our dear Sister in prayer.

In the love of the Sacred Heart,

*Sister M. Thomsita, M.B.C.*

