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"Now in glory, Mary, you rejoice forever with the Lord."  
(Feast of the Presentation of Mary)

Dear Sisters,

Today at 1:15 a.m. on the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, Sister M. Radegundis was presented to the Lord where she, too, with Mary can rejoice forever.

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Sister M. Radegundis, MSC - Ida Overs  
Born: April 5, 1892 in Billerbeck, Germany  
First Profession: May 15, 1913  
Entered into Eternal Life: November 21, 1990 in Reading, PA

Sister M. Radegundis was one of our pioneer sisters. Three of her sisters were also in religious life. Two were Sisters of Notre Dame from Cleveland, Ohio and one was a Sister of the Divine Word in Germany.

A few years after her arrival in the United States, Sister Radegundis was sent to Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown where she was given preparation for her long ministry as our community nurse. It was in this position of infirmarian that sister served from 1917 to 1969 at St. Michael's.

Sister did this with great devotion, love, and self-sacrifice. Even during her retirement years sister had a semi-private room, so that she could care for any sister who needed special attention or who was mentally confused. When sister no longer did nursing care, she used her time and talent in framing larger pictures of the Sacred Heart and of Mary for the missions. Until she was about 90, sister led the community prayers for the sisters in Holy Family Center.

Sister Radegundis was a prayerful, simple, gentle person, ever ready to serve others without counting the cost. Her acceptance of the frailties of old age, sickness, and suffering was admirable. She never complained, greeting everyone with a smile. Everyone loved sister. She was an example of patient endurance in suffering to us sisters and to our lay staff.

Sister Radegundis had several bouts of pneumonia in the past years, was near death many times, but always rallied. Yesterday her condition became critical. She, who accompanied so many sisters on their last journey home, experienced the presence of many sisters who came to sit quietly with her, praying and watching at her side until she quietly, without any struggle, returned her soul to her Creator.

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On Monday at 3:00 p.m., we shall celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for sister. Then sister will be buried in our convent cemetery. We are grateful for the gift of her presence in our community.

In the love of Jesus,

*Sister M. Teresita, M.S.C.*