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"Through this Easter celebration, may God bring to perfection
the saving work He has begun in us." (Easter Liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

This afternoon, during the joyful celebration of Easter, God came to bring
to perfection the saving work He had begun in our dear Sister Seraphia.

Sister M. Seraphia, M.S.C.
Anna T. Tarnok
Born: January 27, 1912 in Manhattan, New York
Professed: August 18, 1945
Died: April 19, 1981 in Reading, Pennsylvania

Sister M. Seraphia began her active apostolate in the Dietary Department
at Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville where she served for about ten years.
Sister also served through various types of domestic work, in Malvern, Dayton,
and then again at Good Samaritan Hospital before coming to St. Michael's in
1975. For about five years, while here at St. Michael's, Sister Seraphia helped
in the kitchen and in the laundry.

In June, 1980 Sister underwent surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital for a
kidney problem. It was then that she was informed that she had inoperable
cancer. The doctors tried both chemotherapy and radiation but with no success.

From the very beginning Sister accepted the diagnosis with perfect resigna-
tion. During the past three months while confined to the Infirmary, Sister
Seraphia suffered intense physical pain. However, she never complained; rather,
she praised and thanked God constantly for His goodness to her. Lately, she had
been begging the Father, with whom she had a warm and beautiful relationship, to
come for her. How fitting that He should come today, the day of Easter joy!

Although our dear Sister Seraphia will be missed by all who knew and loved
her, she has promised often that her prayer and loving concern for us would
never end. Truly we have another powerful intercessor in heaven.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on Wednesday, April 22nd at
4 p.m. after which she will be buried in our convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.