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*Father, precious in your sight is the death of Your faithful one.
(Evening Prayer 1 of Sunday)*

Dear Sisters,

Today on the death anniversary of our founder, Father Linckens, God called our dear Sister Theophane to Himself.

Sister M. Theophane, MSC (Theophania)
Gertrud Ohlmeyer
Born: March 4, 1907 in Ostenfelde, Westfalia, Germany
First Profession: February 3, 1934
Died: October 5, 1980

Sister M. Theophane came to the United States in August of 1935. After spending three years in the motherhouse, Sister went to Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown where she was enrolled in the School of Nursing. Sister continued her studies in the field of radiology and worked as supervisor in the x-ray department till 1966. Sister then continued to serve the sick and their families as a patient visitor. Her deep personal concern for others, and her kind and gentle ways enabled her to be a healing presence in her forty-one years of ministry in Sacred Heart Hospital. Last year, when Sister's memory began to fail, she came to the motherhouse.

Sister's health had been slowly failing in the past months, but in the end, her death came very suddenly. Saturday morning she suffered a stroke and was taken to the hospital. Her prognosis was poor. Less than twenty-four hours later, at 2:20 a.m., as quietly and peacefully as she lived, she returned her soul to God. Sister Theophane had a special love and devotion to Our Lady and loved to pray the rosary. How fitting that she will be buried on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Let us continue to remember Sister in our prayers, and also let us pray to her with the joy of knowing that we have another powerful intercessor in heaven.

In the love of Christ,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.