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"When will I come to the end of my pilgrimage and enter
the presence of God?"

(Morning Prayers)

Dear Sisters,

This morning, about a half-hour after we had said the above antiphon in our community prayers, Sister Wilhelmine came to the end of her pilgrimage here on earth, and entered into the presence of God.



Sister M. Wilhelmine, M.S.C.
Johanna Grosse Feldhaus
Born: May 24, 1890
First Vows: December 11, 1920
Died: January 17, 1983

Sister Wilhelmine came to the United States in November, 1920. Through the years, Sister was active in Dayton and Columbus, Ohio; Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown; Wellsburg, West Virginia; New Hamburg and Beacon, New York; and finally, St. Martha's Home, Allentown, where she ministered to the elderly ladies for 34 years. In 1922, and again in 1925, Sister spent some time at the Motherhouse as a patient suffering from tuberculosis. In 1963 she retired to the Motherhouse Infirmary. For a number of years now, she has been bedridden.

For the past week, Sister's condition has been weakening. Over and over she would say, "The Savior is coming!" This morning while we were together at Mass, the Savior did come for our dear Sister Wilhelmine.

Much of Sister's work in the apostolate was spent with the elderly. Care and concern for them was always a priority in her life. In the days of economic depression, when many people suffered poverty, Sister's first concern was "her ladies" even if it meant depriving herself. She was well loved by them. During her years in the Infirmary, she spent much time in prayer and until the end, one usually found her with the rosary in her hand.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. The burial will take place on Thursday morning.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.