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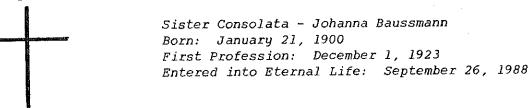
September 26, 1988

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

(Morning Prayers)

Dear Sisters,

These were the inspired words of morning prayers, for the loving Bridegroom of Sister Consolata responded to them this very evening at 9:30.



Sister Consolata (Colomana) came to America November 2, 1922. She served in domestic departments in Palmerton; Beacon, N.Y.; Bethlehem; Cincinnati, Ohio; Northampton; Dayton, Ohio; and St. Michael's, Reading. In 1976, Sister retired to Villa St. Elizabeth and in 1986 she came to the motherhouse infirmary.

Sister was a selfless and unassuming person who was always ready to meet the needs of others. The Brothers of Mary often expressed their gratitude for her many kindnesses. When it came to helping those she served, nothing was ever too much! Sister loved her work and gave all her energy to it. Yet she did not lose herself in exterior activity. She loved to pray and she prayed much. It was especially her joy to spend time before the Eucharistic Savior.

Since Sister retired to Villa St. Elizabeth, she was helpful in many little ways. However, in 1986, it became necessary for her to come to the motherhouse infirmary for nursing supervision. Her condition gradually deteriorated. Due to arteriosclerosis, Sister became more disoriented in the past few years and needed assistance with her personal care. Despite this, she always continued to smile and be happy. Recently, Sister spent two weeks in the hospital, but was not aware of the people around her, but even in this condition, she would respond to a prayer to Mary, for she had a tremendous love of the Blessed Mother. Since the doctors could do no more for her, she returned home. On Monday, she reached the end of her pilgrimage most peacefully, as her Bridegroom came for her.

We will remember Sister in our prayers as we know that we will be remembered in hers. We trust that her kindness will continue in even greater abundance in heaven.

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We will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection for Sister Consolata on Friday, September 30, at 11 a.m. The burial in the convent cemetery will follow.

United in His love,

Sister Joanne