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"You have shown me the paths of life; you will fill
me with joy in your presence." Acts 2:28

Dear Sisters,

This morning the Lord's promise to our Sister M. Eulogia was fulfilled.

Sister M. Eulogia, M.S.C. - Katharina Dirkes
Born: April 1, 1899 in Guetersloh, Germany
First Profession: May 6, 1924
Died: October 3, 1982 in Reading, Pa.

Sister M. Eulogia came to America as a Postulant in 1923. With a heart full of love and a ready smile, she served the community through her apostolate as Homemaker.

During her 53 years of active life Sister Eulogia served in the Dietary Departments in Columbus, Worthington, and Dayton, Ohio, and in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, where she served a total of 39 years.

Sister retired to our infirmary here at St. Michael's in 1977. Although she was weak and had difficulty walking, she managed a daily visit with the other Sisters in the infirmary and also enjoyed doing some needlework.

About 5 weeks ago Sister developed a circulation block in her right leg. She was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital here in Reading on August 26th. When all other treatment failed, she had to undergo an amputation of that leg on September 7th. Sister did well after the surgery and was in very good spirits. She was truly resigned to God's will for her. These past few days she was joyfully preparing for her transfer to Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown, for rehabilitation.

This morning she had breakfast and then followed Holy Mass on TV from her hospital bed. She complained to the nurse of extreme weakness and even before the doctor could be called she breathed her last.

The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 7 P.M.. The burial will take place on Thursday morning.

In love and prayer we will remain united with our dear Sister Eulogia.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.