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"Behold, the king will come, the Lord of earth;
and he will set us free".

(This morning's liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

Today the King, the Lord of earth came to set our Sister Florida free.

Sister M. Florida, M.S.C.

Julia Nower

Born: September 15, 1893 at Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Professed: August 16, 1925

Died: December 7, 1981

Sister Florida came to America in 1932. Her first assignments were short ones at SS. Cyril & Methodius, Reading, Chester, and New Hamburg, N.Y. Most of her active life was spent at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown where she did sewing for the hospital and for the Sisters. For many years Sister also took on the task of cooking for the hospital night staff. She was at Sacred Heart Hospital for about thirty-four years.

Sister Florida's life of loving service was lived out quietly and always "behind the scenes". However, she was warm and loving, always ready to do a service for one of her sisters.

Sister retired to our infirmary here at St. Michael's in 1972. Since that time she has been longing for the coming of the King, the Lord of earth who would set her free. For the past two years she has been confined to bed because of extreme weakness. Each day she lived in joyful hope that this might be the day of the Lord's coming.

This morning during her morning care Sister seemed weaker than usual, although she did converse with the nurse. When her care was finished she suddenly looked up to the wall at a picture of Jesus and Mary. She spoke the word "mother" and drew her last breath. Father Bretz, M.S.C. happened to be in the infirmary at the time so Sister was anointed immediately.

We praise and thank God for another life well lived, and for a new and powerful intercessor for our congregation.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Thursday evening, December 10th at 7 p.m. Internment in our convent cemetery will take place on Friday morning, December 11th.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.