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Dear Sisters,

Within ten months after her sister's death, Sister Mary Richardis Hartmann followed her sister, Sister Mary Clarella, into eternity. She can now claim the reward promised to those who serve God faithfully.

Sister Mary Richardis was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on May 9, 1894. In baptism she received the name Frieda. She was one of fourteen children born to Charles Hartmann and Clara Flaminger. After receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the age of 12, Frieda remained at home to help her mother with the housework. As a child she never enjoyed robust health, but the Lord gave her sufficient strength to be able to follow her vocation to the religious life. Thus, on August 10, 1917, she was admitted to the candidacy at Wilmette, Ill. Sister Mary Richardis received the holy habit on May 24, 1918, made her first vows on May 24, 1920, and her final commitment on August 15, 1925.

During her 55 years of religious life, Sister Mary Richardis taught the primary grades at Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Aloysius, Philadelphia; St. Nicholas, St. Ann's Academy and St. Boniface, Wilkes-Barre; and in Pitts-
ton, Baltimore, Scranton, Poughkeepsie, Luzerne and Kensington. Sister was transferred to Holy Family Convent, Danville, in August of 1970. Here Sister was to spend the last three years of her life in retirement, preparing for this day when she would meet her Divine Bridegroom.

Sister Mary Richardis lived the statement she wrote to her superiors when asking permission to enter our Congregation--to devote her life entirely in our Lord's service. This she did, laboring in the classroom 49 years. She was a very kind and tactful person in spite of her hearing difficulties from which she suffered many years. Sister was much loved by her students as well as by her companions.

For the past month, Sister Mary Richardis was an ambulatory patient at Holy Family Convent. On the morning of her death, Sister had breakfast as usual. The nurses had prepared her for the day and had just placed her in her chair when Sister slumped over and was with God. She had been a bed patient only one day. The cause of death was a pulmonary embolism. The date of her death was Thursday, December 13. Sister was laid to rest this morning Saturday, December 15, following the funeral Mass offered for the repose of her soul at 10:30 at our chapel in Danville.

Mother Joanna, in whose name I write this letter, asks you to kindly remember Sister Mary Richardis in prayer.

Sincerely,

Sister Anne