LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION IRENE R. GOOD, R.S.C.J. JANUARY 13, 1989

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

At this moment of thanksgiving we pause to express a special thanksgiving for Sister Irene Good's gift to us. Her gift, I believe, was the courage to live life fully.

Throughout her life, Muffie entered into whatever she did with wholehearted determination; when she was with her students, her encouragement and concern gave them the desire to succeed; when she was with family and friends her love and faithfulness gave life to others; during her illness her determination to give life and love to others was an example of courage, the courage to struggle each day with her growing weakness, the courage each day to go out to others in love.

She spoke very little of how she felt because her focus was on "how can I be for others." As she embraced her weakness her determination was transformed into CHRIST-LIKE COURAGE TO EMBRACE THE CROSS.

It was a process as she expressed it to me of "Letting-go." While we were together ten days ago, She wrote,

"Letting-go"... "my thirst, my little things, my big things, my individuality, my strength, my weakness, all the love I have."

So, today, we thank God for our sister, for our friend, for the best teacher in my life, for the person who has made a difference in my life. Muffie gave each one here a gift, the gift of how to live life fully with Christ-like courage.

THANK YOU, MUFFIE.