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Memorandum

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From: Sr. Lois Bush, Regional Superior
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Date: June 24, 2024

Subject: Death of Sister Mary Therese Baptiste

Dear Sisters and Colleagues,

I am sorry to inform you that Sister Therese Baptiste passed peacefully into the loving arms of our God at 12:13 pm this afternoon at Ascension Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh Wisconsin. Sister Judy Beck, Sister Helen Brand and I were with her.

You know that she was hospitalized for the past two weeks and has been in ICU on the ventilator for most of the time. Her condition continued to deteriorate without hope of recovery. She has been unresponsive for some days. In a Care Conference with her doctors this morning, it was our decision to transition her to comfort care and bring her home if at all possible. However, God's plan was to bring her straight home to him.

Her family and some of her friends have been here for much of the time that she was in ICU.

Funeral arrangements are pending. We will inform you once we have details.

Thank you for your many prayers and support. May our Sister Therese rest in peace.

Blessings,

Sr. Lois Bush, Regional Superior