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November 15, 2007

Dear Sisters and Companions of Pauline,

Ann Elizabeth (Betty) Dooley, Companion of Pauline in the Chatham group, was called home to God on November 11. She had been recently diagnosed with cancer and was seriously ill for the last ten days of her life.

Betty was born on September 21, 1918 in Philadelphia, PA and was a resident of Chatham for 62 years. Betty and her husband Vincent raised four children, all of whom attended St. Patrick's School in Chatham and were taught by the Sisters of Christian Charity. She was a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church where she served as Eucharistic minister and was a member of the Legion of Mary and Women of Mary. She had been a Companion of Pauline since 1996. She was employed by Novartis as secretary for 19 years before retiring in 1982. In addition to her being a Companion of Pauline, Betty also was affiliated with Eva's Kitchen (an outreach to the poor in Paterson, NJ) and the Legion of Mary.

Betty was predeceased by her husband in 1998 and is survived by her four children Elisabeth, Gerald, Kevin, and Colleen, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In a letter written by Betty in 1995 when she applied to become a Companion of Pauline she wrote: "It would be an honor to be chosen as a Lay Associate. My association with the Sisters has been a long and happy one beginning in 1961 when I helped Sister Marion in the school office at St. Patrick's, drove the nuns to various places before they had a car, arranged for retreats and days of reflection at Villa Pauline and helping Sister Martha when I retired in 1982.... I am certain that my association with the Sisters will enhance my spiritual life and give me the opportunity to be with the Sisters I dearly love."



Pictured here on her 88th birthday with daughter Colleen

Just to give a little insight into the character of this Companion of Pauline, a friend of Betty's wrote in her recommendation to become a Companion: "Betty has always shown great compassion and sympathy for the sick. She has great love for people and great desire to help. She has a very strong love of the Eucharist....Betty has been outstanding in her dedication and service to the homebound."

At Betty's wake service, Father Owen Moran remarked: "Betty was the perfect hostess. She always spread happiness to others. Whenever she invited people to dine at her home, the table was set to perfection. Now she is at the Eternal Banquet."

On the following day, November 14, the Mass of Resurrection and Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Bill Cogan, SJ, a relative. Father remarked: "Betty loved her Irish heritage; she loved St. Patrick's; she loved Chatham, her choice for 60 years; and she loved Notre Dame. One Halloween she dressed the four children up as the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame while she accompanied them as Knute Rockne."

As a testimony to her many interests and areas of involvement, at the funeral were present representatives of groups with which she was affiliated: parishioners of St. Patrick's, Sisters of Christian Charity, Companions of Pauline, Eva's Kitchen, the Legion of Mary, and the homeless.

We join in extending our deepest sympathy to members of the Dooley family. They and we now have a special intercessor for them in heaven.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sister Joseph Spring, S.C.C." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sister Joseph Spring, SCC