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Dear Sisters and Companions of Pauline,

Only a few weeks had passed since our Companion of Pauline, Betty Dooley, died when another Companion of Pauline from Chatham, Rosemary (McCabe) Zimmerman was called home to God on November 29, 2007 after a short illness and surrounded by her four sons.

Rosemary was born in Milburn, NJ on July 8, 1931. She was predeceased by her husband of 32 years, George F. Zimmerman and is survived by her four sons, Chris P. of Long Valley, Tim J. of Colonia, Mark L. of Madison, and Michael W. of Chatham and seven grandchildren.

She lived in Chatham, NJ where she was a parishioner of St. Patrick Parish for the past 47 years. She was one of the founding members of the Cross Stitch Group (S&B) of Chatham and was very active in the Rosary Society and the Seniors of Chatham. Her interests were many and varied. She loved cross-stitching, cooking and baking, gardening and animals. She also enjoyed the theater and summers on Long Beach Island and was a long-time Giants fan.

Rosemary was a very active Companion of Pauline since the year 2000 when she first made her Covenant. As part of the Chatham group, she and the others from the area met monthly with the larger group at the Motherhouse in Mendham. She would always be the one to come up with "adventurous" ideas whether it would be for a craft or a trip. In the recent past, she is perhaps best known for organizing a Christmas wreath making project resulting in lovely hand-crafted wreaths to be hung on the door of each Sister at Holy Family Convent. Rosemary would always be the volunteer to drive each December to bring Christmas gifts to each Sister at Holy Family. As I am writing this letter, I can just picture her smile and enthusiasm as each gift was delivered.



When Rosemary applied to become a Companion of Pauline, she said that she had always admired the Sisters of Christian Charity and found peace and quiet when she came to Mendham. She also indicated that she hoped she would be able to help in any way that was needed. She did, indeed!

Her friends among Companions, parishioners, and neighbors were many. At her viewing the day before her funeral, the line of those expression condolences to the family stretched out to the door for the hours of visitation.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 3. Rosemary's son Mark paid tribute to his mom before Mass with the words: "To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God. This was our mom." At the homily, Rev. Owen Moran said how wonderful it was to journey with Rosemary, a companion in faith, sometimes joyfully and sometimes in suffering. The Gospel reading was that of Mary Magdalene at the tomb. He said that like Rosemary, Mary Magdalene was an intense woman. She stood at the foot of the cross; she saw Jesus beaten and bloody, but now she wanted to cry so she went to the tomb. She was so upset that she did not get it until Jesus said, "Mary!" Then she knew it was Jesus. Mary knew the voice of Christ. Rosemary has now heard Jesus say to her, "Rosemary." Now all her suffering is ended and she is in glory with her husband George. But we know that she has left a legacy to companions on the journey.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the procession was accompanied by bagpipe music playing, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." Certainly Rosemary's heavenly eyes are smiling as she now beholds God face to face...and sees at last Mother Pauline whose charism she promised to live.

All of our Sisters and Companions of Pauline join in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Rosemary's sons and their families. She will be missed by all.

Sincerely,

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

Sister Joseph Spring, SCC