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Sister's last days at Bethany were serene and peaceful except when a shadow passed over her countenance to indicate suffering. Sister was a teacher to the last for by her patience, resignation, and oft repeated words of gratitude--all who were near by could learn the most valuable of lessons--how to die.

Sister Damian's own devoted sister, Sister Mary Charles, of Bethany was constantly at her side, and her four nieces--all of whom are Sisters of St. Joseph--were among the chosen pall bearers.

May our dear Sister Damian's sufferings, her prayer-life and her triple consecration, together with the final rites of Holy Mother Church and its indulgences secure for her the reward of witnessing the Beatific Vision throughout all Eternity.

God gave and God has taken away. Blessed forever be His glorious Name.

May her soul rest in peace.