

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,
Life is not ended, but merely changed.*

September 18, 1987

Dear Sisters and Associates,

"I, for my part am already being poured away as a libation... I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. All there is now is the crown that awaits..."
(2 Tim. 4:6-8)

These words of Paul as addressed to Timothy found ready application in the life of Sister Virginia Marie Buzenski. With the proverbial patience of Job, she suffered much through the years from medical disabilities and from the recognition that she was not able to be as quite active as she might have wished.

Although her teaching career was cut short after 20 years in the classroom, Sister never knew the meaning of inactivity. Never one to be easily discouraged, she took on numerous tasks that utilized her many gifts while not taxing unduly her fragile physical condition.

She offered her service, her love and concern to her sisters and to many others in the Joliet community. The series of certificates and citations received from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program attest to her dedication and self-gift.

Though soft-spoken and somewhat reserved, Sister Virginia Marie was always very much in communication through her warm smile, gentle presence and the many artistic and creative contributions she made to the Motherhouse scene.

She remained very close to her family through the years, and their regular visits were a source of joy and support for her till the very end.

Always a prayerful person, it must have given Sister great joy to join with Sister David Ann in praying a short Vespers in honor of the Feast of the Stigmata of Saint Francis on the day of her death. She also joined in singing Hail Saint Francis as well as some of the family's favorite "Mary hymns."

To all who grieve at this time of loss, we offer our sympathy and prayer, especially Sister's devoted sisters, Gen, Nell, Mary and Rita and her brother, Casimir. We remember, too, her in-laws, nieces and nephews, and the many to whom she was friend.

As Sister Virginia Marie now celebrates the joy of Resurrection, we remember her with gratitude and love. We recall with joy, the graciousness with which she touched our living and our being. May the Lord of Life bless her with his presence forever.

The Governing Board



SISTER VIRGINIA MARIE BUZENSKI (Casimir Clare)

Born: October 7, 1916
 Parents: Raphael and Kasimira (Jasinski) Buzenski
 Postulancy: September 2, 1947
 Novitiate: August 12, 1948
 First Profession: August 12, 1950
 Final Profession: August 13, 1953
 Died: Wednesday, September 16, 1987 at 8:50 p.m.
 at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet



Ministry:

1950 - 1958 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grades 2, 4, 5 and 6
 1958 - 1960 St. Michael, Worthington, OH, Grades 4 and 5
 1960 - 1961 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grade 5
 1961 - 1963 St. Francis de Sales, Toledo, Oh, Grades 2 and 3
 1963 - 1965 St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL, Grades 1 and 2
 1965 - 1968 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 1
 1968 - 1970 Divine Savior, Chicago, IL Grade 2
 1970 - 1971 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Assistant - Activities Program
 1971 - 1987 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutoring Program and Community Service

Wake: Friday, September 18, 1987 from 2 - 7:30 p.m.
 with prayer service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, September 18, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Burial: Saturday, September 19, 1987 from OLA at 9 a.m. to
 Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by sisters: Genevieve Notestine, Nelli Lehman, Mary Johnson, Rita
 Nichter and brother, Casimir