

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

August 8, 1977

Dear Sisters,

Sister Evarista Chergoski has been suffering for the last two years from an illness that resulted in her death Sunday evening, August 7, at 11:55 p.m. She had been admitted to St. Joseph Hospital the last week of July for tests and treatment. Her first thought upon admittance was to struggle for life, but when asked later in the week if she was resigned to meet the Lord, her ready reply was, "Sure." He took her at her word, and called her to Himself just two months short of her 59th birthday.

Sister was born in 1918 to John and Elizabeth Chergoski in Danville, Illinois. Her family moved to Streator in later years and she entered the Congregation from St. Stephen's Parish on September 8, 1936.

During her forty years as a member of the Congregation, Sister Evarista served the youth in many schools in Illinois and Ohio. She started teaching at St. Pascal's in Chicago with third grade. From there she was stationed at her home parish in Streator, and during the succeeding years taught the upper grades at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, St. Peter, Mansfield, St. John, Joliet, and her last mission at St. Paul, Joliet. For two years she was principal at Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods. Sister lived at St. Francis Academy this past year, serving the Sisters there as one of the local coordinators and taking an active role in the many activities of a large convent.

Sister Evarista was a cheerful, outgoing person who will be long remembered by her many friends. She will be especially mourned by the members of the Congregation and her family. She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Rosemary Schmitt of Streator, Mrs. Theresa Pavinato of Oglesby, IL, and Mrs. Margaret Nance of Uvalde, TX; by two brothers, Edward of Streator, and Louis of Winter Haven, Florida; and two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Chergoski and Mrs. Leo Chergoski. To all the members of her family we offer our deepest sympathy.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday evening, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels by Rev. James Lennon, pastor of St. James Parish, Glen Ellyn. There will be a prayer service for Sister at 3:00 p.m. on August 10, and the burial will be Thursday morning, August 11, at Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

One of the readings from the Liturgy for the Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Evarista says, "He will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield." (2 Cor. 9:10) Sister has sown the seed of love in the hearts of all the children she taught these past 37 years. She is now reaping the results of her work by sharing the glory of her Lord in Heaven.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

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