

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

April 11, 1986

Dear Sisters and Associates,

After a long and painful illness patiently endured, the earthly life of our sister, Sister Jacqueline Chiovatero, came to a peaceful end at Our Lady of Angels on April 9.

Born to John and Mary Chiovatero on May 28, 1923, and christened Mary Winifred, Sister Jacqueline was born and raised in Joliet. She spent the greater part of her teaching years in the schools and parishes of Ohio and Illinois, enthusiastically and effectively sharing her "ministry of music." Many of us have had the pleasure of an on-site appreciation of the talent and skills of Jackie's students, as we've enjoyed the annual spring concerts that had become a regular feature on the Motherhouse cultural calendar.

It's more than likely that Sister Jacqueline never really knew of all the inspiration and encouragement that she offered to so many others, as she bravely bore the increasing pain and debilitation of her illness, and yet kept up with her lessons and her teaching until the strain of that kind of activity became unbearable. One could hardly observe her courage and steadfastness without feeling that the average, minor, everyday setbacks were insignificant by comparison.

Those who lived and worked with Jackie remember and appreciate her for her strength of character and spirit, always tempered with that special touch of humor, which were always a great source of encouragement and support for her family, her many friends, sisters and students. Known for her outspoken ways and uncompromising sense of justice, she accepted many challenging tasks and often entered "where angels fear to tread."

Sister Jacqueline was a warm and fun-loving person who enjoyed every moment of her 63 years of life. Always ready with a listening ear and a bit of sound advice, she proved friend and confidante to many, and exerted a great influence over the minds and hearts of her students, as well as her colleagues and co-workers.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sister's mother, Mary, her aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as to the many who called her friend. As Sister Jacqueline now celebrates Resurrection in a new way, we recall her presence among us with gratitude. Although we will miss her, we rejoice as she sings her "new song" in the presence of the Lord she served so well.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



Sister M. Jacqueline Chiovatero (Mary Winifred) 607

Born: May 28, 1923
Parents: John and Mary (Smith) Chiovatero
Postulancy: September 8, 1941
Novitiate: August 12, 1942
1st Profession: August 12, 1944
Final Profession: August 12, 1947
Died: Wednesday, April 9, 1986 at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels



Ministry:

1944 - 1945 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Full-time Student
1945 - 1953 Immaculate Conception, Toledo, OH, Kindergarten, Grade 5, Music, and Organist
1953 - 1956 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Grades 3,4,6,7, Music and Organist
1956 - 1957 St. John, Loveland, CO, Grades 3,4
1957 - 1963 Immaculate Conception, Toledo, OH, Organist and Music Teacher
1963 - 1978 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Organist and Music Teacher
1978 - 1985 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Music Teacher at St. Jude School, Joliet, IL, Private Music Lessons
Dec. 1985 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL

Wake: Friday, April 11, 1986 from 2 - 7 p.m. with prayer service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, April 11, 1986 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Saturday, April 12, 1986 from OLA at 9:30 a.m. to Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Survived by mother, Mrs. Mary Chiovatero