

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

St. Francis Convent
Joliet, Illinois

November 29, 1971

Dear Sisters,

Sister Mary Donata Dahms died on Sunday evening, November 28, 1971, just one day before her 87th birthday. Sister had been taken to St. Joseph's Hospital on November 20 after a fall at OLA in which she suffered a broken hip. While at the hospital, Sister contracted pneumonia and died.

Sister Donata was born in Germany on November 29, 1884. She entered our Congregation on January 25, 1906 and pronounced her first vows on August 15, 1908.

Two States -- Illinois and Ohio -- were the beneficiaries of Sister's teaching apostolate. Twenty-three years in Illinois, and, coincidentally, twenty-three years in Ohio. Sister's teaching career began in Illinois in 1908 at St. Joseph's, Freeport, and ended in Illinois in 1962 at St. Francis de Sales. Other missions in Illinois where Sister taught were St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, Sacred Heart, Englewood, SS. Peter & Paul, Chicago, St. Mary's, Des Plaines, St. Boniface, Chicago, and St. John's, Joliet. St. Mary's, Columbus, Immaculate Conception, Columbus, and St. Peter's, Mansfield, were the three Ohio missions where Sister gave twenty-three years of her life. Sister spent her last nine years at Our Lady of Angels.

Although Sister Donata has no immediate living family, she was just recently preceded in death by her sister, Ann, who resided at OLA. And most of us remember her sister, Sister Francella, who preceded her in death by ten years.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

We celebrate Sister's life and death as a gift and a blessing and look upon her death on the first day of Advent as a very special grace.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

