

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

May 15, 1986

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Amabilis was a name that well suited our friend and sister, Sister Amabilis Donoval, for she was indeed amiable and gentle of heart and manner.

Born in 1903 in Slovakia and christened Helen Stephania, Sister Amabilis was proud of her 83 years, and looked forward to the celebration of 60 years as a Joliet Franciscan in 1987.

Always a gracious woman, Sister Amabilis was quiet and conscientious as she went about her duties. She was always willing to go that "extra mile" in her service, and was seldom encountered without the typical smile and warm greeting that endeared her to so many.

Sister Amabilis served on several missions in Illinois during her many years of dedicated domestic service, spending 18 of those years at the old Sr. Francis Prep and 11 more in the kitchen and bakery here at Our Lady of Angels. When asked in a Congregational survey to choose one highlight of her life, Sister Amabilis responded, "Cooking and baking-- in which I took great pride and really enjoyed."

A specialist in crocheting and handiwork, Sister's creations, especially her animals and purses, were renowned and much sought after. Many of us treasure fond memories as we appreciate the skill and the love that went into those "works of art."

We extend our sympathy to Sister's brother, John, and to her nieces, nephews and cousins. We, her sisters and friends, are grateful for her long life and for the years she so warmly shared with us as Sister. We have been blessed and enriched.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



SISTER M. AMABILIS DONOVAL (HELEN)

Born: January 4, 1903 in Austria-Hungary  
Parents: Stephen and Catherine (Mistrick) Donoval

Postulancy: September 6, 1924  
Novitiate: August 12, 1925  
First Profession: August 12, 1927  
Final Profession: August 12, 1930



Age: 83 years old, professed 59 years

Ministry:

- January 1928 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
- 1928 - 1930 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Assistant Infirmarian
- 1930 - 1934 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
- 1934 - 1936 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
- 1936 - 1946 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
- 1946 - 1947 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Domestic Work
- 1947 - 1948 Assumption, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
- 1948 - 1958 St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
- 1958 - 1961 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
- 1961 - 1962 St. Ann, Lansing, IL, Domestic Work
- 1962 - 1968 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Kitchen & Bakery
- 1968 - 1969 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Bakery
- 1969 - 1974 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Food Service
- 1974 - 1986 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Died: Tuesday, May 13, 1986 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Thursday, May 15, 1986, 2 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Mass of Resurrection at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 1986 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Procession will leave Our Lady of Angels on Friday, May 16, 1986 at 9:00 a.m. for burial services and interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville.

Survived by brother, John Donoval, nieces, nephews and cousins

