

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

November 25, 1975

Dear Sisters,

November 24 was ten minutes into its last hour when Death again visited Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home and claimed Sister Julitta Felder for Eternity. Here she joined her sister, Sister Fulgentia Felder, who died in 1926 at the age of 27 years.

Sister Julitta was born in Columbus, Ohio, on December 16, 1897, of Anton Felder of Germany and Frances Wirth Felder of Columbus, Ohio. She was baptized in St. Mary's parish in January, 1898, and confirmed there in 1910. On December 8, 1913, Sister Julitta entered the postulancy of our Congregation. She became a novice on August 12, 1914, and on the same feastday of St. Clare in 1916 and 1919 committed herself to God and our Congregation, first with temporary vows and then perpetual vows. Jubilee bells rang out for her twice, silver bells in 1941 and golden in 1966. June 19, 1976 was to be a Diamond Jubilee Day for her. She looked forward to that day and made plans. God had still better plans for her.

Sister Julitta earned her AB degree from the College of St. Francis on August 1, 1953. For 52 years of her professional life, Sister Julitta taught on the elementary level in Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Her first teaching assignment was Grades 1, 2, and 3 at Holy Cross, Joliet, 1915-1916. Her last one was Corpus Christi, Columbus, where she taught 4th grade from 1967-69. In between those years she spent 12 in Mansfield, Ohio, 7 at St. Francis de Sales in Toledo, 5 at St. Boniface in Chicago, 4 at St. John's in Joliet, and 4 at St. Michael's in Worthington, Ohio. Other schools saw her labors for 1 or 2 years, such as Bayfield, Wisconsin; St. Francis de Sales, Sacred Heart, SS. Peter & Paul, in Chicago; St. Dionysius in Cicero, St. Mary's in DesPlaines, St. Joseph's, Freeport, in Illinois; Immaculate Conception and St. Mary Magdalene in Columbus; Immaculate Conception in Toledo, and Holy Family in Cleveland.

From 1969-1973, the year in which she retired to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Sister Julitta was General Assistant at St. Mary's in Columbus, her native parish. The 5 years of her life since retirement were a gift to God through the sacrifice of her leg and her illness which she patiently and generously offered. She was in the 78th year of her life and the 62nd year of her religious life.

Sister Julitta is survived by her sister, a member of our Congregation, Sister Consilia Felder, presently at St. Mary's, Columbus, Ohio, and another sister, Mrs. Rosine Ruppensburg, also of Columbus. We offer them our sympathy and understanding in this loss of a beloved member of their family.

We thank God for Sister Julitta's life and example. We pray Him to crown her now with many blessings and eternal Jubilee.

Devotedly in Christ,
THE GOVERNING BOARD

