

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

December 10, 1984

Dear Sisters,

"Delight in the Beloved, and He will care for you." These were the trust-filled words spoken by Sister Agnes Ferber to Sister Linda Jackim in a visit just a few days prior to her death last Thursday.

In the early hours of December 6th, Sister Agnes slipped quietly and peacefully to join the Lord in whom she had delighted so faithfully all these years.

Born in Bohemia, Austria in 1901, and baptized Mary, Sister Agnes migrated with her family as a young child to the United States, where they lived in Cicero, Illinois. She entered the Congregation at age 18, already recognized as an accomplished dressmaker and seamstress.

Ministry during Sister Agnes' 62 years of religious life included 14 years in the classroom, where she enjoyed a reputation as a competent and effective teacher in the lower and middle grades. However, because of failing health, in 1936, Sister Agnes retired from teaching and began her second career as a seamstress and domestic worker on several missions in the Chicago and Joliet area. In 1947, she took on her responsibilities as Sacristan at the Motherhouse, a role in which many of us remember her so well. Sister Agnes is well-remembered for her sense of order and perfection, especially when it came to the sacristy and chapel. Her precision in training the servers and her artistry with vestments and flower arrangements were renowned. Her Motherhouse years were followed by several more in the ministry of Sacristan and seamstress at Our Lady of Angels. In addition to these, Sister took upon herself numerous added services and many of the Sisters recall Sister Agnes and her repair basket - she was an expert at servicing and cleaning sewing machines of all types and she shared that talent graciously.

Always a prayerful woman, Sister Agnes felt a call and was accepted as one of the original core members at our St. Clare House of Prayer in Kankakee. Her frail health, however, prevented her from continuing her ministry there and in 1971, she returned to Our Lady of Angels where she ministered in her prayerful, soft-spoken and smiling way until she was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital after a massive coronary attack.

We extend our sympathy to her brother, Charles. 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. AGnes Ferber (Mary) 589

Born: August 1, 1901 in Bohemia, Austria

Parents: Wenceslas and Mary (Patek) Ferber

Postulancy: September 4, 1919

Novitiate: August 12, 1920

1st Profession: August 12, 1922

Final Profession: August 12, 1925

Died: Thursday, December 6, 1984 at 2:52 a.m. at  
St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet



Ministry:

1922 - 1923	St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grades 2 & 3
1923 - 1924	St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 1
1924 - 1929	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 1,5, Latin, Algebra
1929 - 1932	St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Grades 3,4 & 5
1932 - 1934	SS Peter & Paul, Leonore, IL, Grades 1 - 5
1934 - 1936	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 2
1936 - 1940	Assumption, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
1940 - 1941	St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1941 - 1942	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1942 - 1944	St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1944 - 1945	Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Domestic Work
1945 - 1946	St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Domestic Work
1946 - 1962	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Sacristan
1962 - 1969	Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Sacristan
1969 - 1971	St. Clare House of Prayer, Core Member
1971 - 1984	Our Lady of Angels

Wake: Monday, December 10, 1984 from 2 - 7 p.m.  
with prayer service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, December 10, 1984 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Tuesday, December 11, 1984 from OLA at 9 a.m.  
to Resurrection Cemetery.

Survived by brother, Charles of Oak Park, IL