

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

March 14, 1976

Dear Sisters,

Surrounded by her sisters, Sister Borgia Garcia died at 4:35 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. A favorite prayer of St. Francis, the "Canticle of the Sun", was prayed by her bedside. As the Sisters came to the end of the Canticle, Sister's pulse also came to an end. Sister was in her 95th year of her life and in the 74th year of her religious life.

Sister Borgia was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 22, 1881 and was baptized in St. Procopius Church, Chicago. She later became a member of St. Ludmilla's Parish in Chicago. On January 5, 1903, she entered the postulancy of our Congregation. She was received into the novitiate on August 12, 1903, and made first profession of vows on August 12, 1905, and final profession on August 12, 1911. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1955 and her Diamond in 1965.

Sister's first mission assignment was St. Procop's in Cleveland, Ohio. She spent a total of twenty-two years of her professional life there as teacher and also as superior and principal. She also taught at Central Catholic High in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, St. Procopius High in Chicago, and St. Francis Academy, Joliet. Fifteen years of her teaching career were spent at CSF in the History and Social Science Department.

In 1944 she was elected to serve a six-year term as a Councilor for the Congregation. Again in 1954, she was elected by the Council to fill the vacancy on Council caused by the death of Sister Eulogia. She served this second time until the Summer of 1956. She next served as Superior of the Motherhouse until 1962, when she retired to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home.

Sister is survived by two sisters, Eleanore and Mae Garcia, and two brothers, Anthony and Emanuel. All are from Chicago. To them we offer our sympathy and understanding.

Her nephew, Rev. Maurice Dlouhy, OSB of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois, will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial on Monday evening, March 15, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport on Tuesday morning, March 16.

We remember Sister Borgia as being a very humble, loving, kind, and understanding person. We remember her saying that she would rather suffer from being too kind than not kind enough. We, her Sisters, are grateful for her long life and for the many years she spent with us as our Sister. We have been enriched.

Devotedly in Christ,

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