

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

July 23, 1986

Dear Sisters and Associates,

As we continue to celebrate the warm beauty of this summer season, we are once again challenged by the mystery of death. With the death on Monday of Sister Clementia Giese, the rooms and corridors of Our Lady of Angels lost a friendly and familiar presence. Though technically Sister Clementia has been retired since 1983, her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to her friends in the A & B wings of OLA, belied her 92 years of age. She was truly a vital and gracious woman.

After 51 years in the field of education, Sister Clementia came to Our Lady of Angels as a Social Service Visitor, where she continued to minister as a volunteer until just two weeks before her death. She loved her work and cherished the many relationships she felt privileged to establish in the course of her many visits with the residents of Our Lady of Angels. She recently wrote of her later years, "My senior years are exceptionally happy. I am most grateful that I can be of some service to the retired citizens in this home without being under pressure. I go about freely, have hobbies and spare time, but above all, I enjoy peace and wholesome companionship...I am grateful to so many for making life so precious and full of wonder."

Gratitude was a quality that penetrated Sister's very life and being. One of her favorite psalms was Psalm 115 - "What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me" - and she made a special request that this Psalm of Thanksgiving be used as a reading in her Mass of Resurrection. Along with several suggestions, Sister Clementia included "a big Thank You to the celebrant, choir and all present." How true to character that she would thank even those who were yet to be a part of her celebration.

We offer our sympathy to her nieces and nephews and to her many friends at Our Lady of Angels. We celebrate with gratitude the many ways in which Sister Clementia touched our living and our being. May the Lord of Life bless her with the joy and peace of His Presence forever.

Sincerely,
The Governing Board



613 SISTER M. CLEMENTIA GIESE (LOUISA)



Born: February 23, 1894
Parents: Theodore and Gertrude (Assendrup) Giese
Postulancy: December 31, 1911
Novitiate: August 12, 1912
First Profession: August 12, 1914
Final Profession: August 12, 1919
Died: Monday, July 21, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels

Ministry:

1913 - 1918 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grades 2,3,4 and 5
1918 - 1921 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grade 7
1921 - 1922 St. Michael, Sigel, IL, Grades 4,5, and 6
1922 - 1923 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grade 7
1923 - 1925 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Algebra, English, History, Latin,
Religion
1925 - 1926 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 7
1926 - 1928 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 7
1928 - 1943 Central Catholic High School, Johnstown, PA, Health,
History, Religion
1943 - 1944 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Civics, History
1944 - 1945 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, History
1945 - 1946 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, History, Religion
1946 - 1950 Central Catholic High School, Toledo, OH, Guidance,
History, Religion
1950 - 1952 Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH, History
1952 - 1962 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Civics, History
1962 - 1968 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Superior, History Teacher
1968 - 1983 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Social Service Visitor
1983 - 1986 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Wednesday, July 23, 1986 from 2 - 7 p.m. with prayer service
at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, July 23, 1986 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, July 24, 1986 from Our Lady of Angels at 9 a.m.
to Resurrection Cemetery