

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

December 22, 1974

Dear Sisters,

Sister Alberta Graf's 94 years of Christian life and her 75 years of dedication in religious life came peacefully to an end on Sunday morning, December 22, at 2:45 a.m. Christmas this year brings for her the greatest gift of all -- the end of Advent, the time of waiting, and life forever with Him.

Sister Alberta was born at Worblingen, Baden, Germany on June 17, 1880. After she came to this country, she became a naturalized American citizen and resided in St. Boniface Parish in Chicago.

She entered our Congregation on February 2, 1899; and was received into the Novitiate on August 15 of the same year. She pronounced her first vows on August 15, 1901, and her final vows on August 12, 1907.

Teaching on the elementary level was her profession for 52 years, 20 of which were spent in Mansfield, Ohio, a mission she never forgot, even when memory of other places and events failed her. Her first mission was St. Procopius and her last was St. Francis of Assisi, both in Chicago. She also taught in Ohio at St. Mary's, Columbus, St. Patrick's, Galion, and St. Michael's, Worthington; in Chicago at SS. Peter and Paul, St. Boniface, St. Francis de Sales, SS. Cyril and Methodius; and elsewhere in Illinois at Englewood, Hubbard Woods, Green Creek, Hawthorne, Elgin, and Sigel.

Sister retired in 1956 to the Motherhouse where she remained until Our Lady of Angels was ready for occupancy. There, under the excellent care of our Sisters, she lived her last 13 years of consecration.

Big events in her life were her graduation from CSF in 1942, after many years of summer school, her Golden Jubilee in 1951, Diamond Jubilee in 1961, and her 75th Anniversary this year on February 10.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Alberta will be at Our Lady of Angels on Monday, December 23, 1974, at 2 p.m. Burial will be immediately after in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

Devotedly in Christ,

THE GOVERNING BOARD

