

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

November 10, 1984

Dear Sisters,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want... I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Ps. 23) This was the strength and now the reality for Sister Evangela Hanfland. He who led her "beside restful waters," has welcomed and anointed her this day, November 8th, in the 54th year of profession.

Christened, Stella Ann Elizabeth, Sister Evangela was born on November 18, 1912 to Peter and Anna Hanfland in Sigel, Illinois.

Sister Evangela, "Vange" as she was affectionately called by those who knew and loved her, was a woman of tremendous warmth and energy. She loved people and was always willing to give a helping hand. When asked what she wanted to be remembered for, she replied: "My work in education as well as my ministry to the elderly." With thirty years of educational experience, Sister Evangela taught in both elementary and secondary schools and completed this ministry phase as principal. She is fondly remembered for her excellent discipline and gentle patience with children.

November 1, 1961 was a major turning point in Sister's life. It was then that she assumed the responsibility of first Administrator and Superior of Our Lady of Angels. Her pioneer spirit and dedication to excellence in nursing care gave Our Lady of Angels a strong and Christian foundation. Sister Evangela served in this capacity until 1972 when she was elected to the Governing Board of the Congregation. Completing her four year term as Area Coordinator, she returned to Pastoral Ministry, especially with the elderly.

Most of us will remember Sister Evangela as a strong, happy and sensitive person. During these past months, she suffered with much courage and patience so characteristic of her. She was a woman of prayer, believing that with Jesus she could do all things. She will be greatly missed by us all, but most especially by Sisters Verdiana and Charlotte Marie, with whom she dreamed and cared for the people of God.

We express our sympathy to her brothers, Fred, Frank, Anthony and Peter; her sisters-in-law and all her nieces and nephews.

We celebrate the life and death of Sister Evangela as a blessing. We are grateful to have shared in her life as Sister and friend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Governing Board



SISTER M. EVANGELA HANFLAND (STELLA)



Born: November 18, 1912
 Parents: Peter and Anna (Mihlbackler) Hanfland
 Postulancy: September 3, 1928
 Novitiate: August 12, 1929
 First Profession: August 12, 1931
 Final Profession: August 12, 1934
 Age: 71 years old, in religious life 55 years

Ministry:

- 1931 - 1947 St. Mary, Columbus OH, Grades 4,5,6,7,8 and High School
- 1947 - 1954 St. Michael, Sigel, IL, Grades 5,6,7,8 and High School
- 1954 - 1955 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Mathematics
- 1955 - 1956 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Mathematics
- 1956 - 1961 St. Mary, Columbus, OH Mathematics, Principal and Superior
- 1961 - 1972 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Administrator, Superior
- 1972 - 1976 Governing Board of the Sisters of St. Francis
- 1976 - 1977 Motherhouse, Joliet, IL, Administrator
- 1977 - 1978 Human Resource Division of Aging, Phoenix, AZ, Admin. Aide
- 1978 - 1980 Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home, Clifton, IL, Administrator
- 1980 - 1981 St. Rita of Cascia, Aurora, IL, Parish Ministry
- 1981 - 1982 North Aurora Manor, Aurora, IL, Pastoral Ministry
- 1982 - 1983 Blessed Sacrament, North Aurora, IL, Parish Ministry
- 1983 - 1984 North Aurora Manor, Aurora, IL, Pastoral Ministry

Died: Thursday, November 8, 1984, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL.

Wake Friday, November 9, 2 -4 and 7 - 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m.
 Mass of the Resurrection at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 1984 at Our Lady of Angels

Burial Services: Procession will leave Our Lady of Angels after the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for burial services and interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.