

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

August 4, 1975

Dear Sisters,

Surrounded by her Franciscan Sisters at Our Lady of Angels, Sister Alonzo Hotovec died beautifully and peacefully at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 3. Her death was very Franciscan. The Canticle of the Sun, the very joyous and grateful praise of God's creatures which Francis composed shortly before his own death, was prayed by her bedside. When Sister Death actually came to her, her room was filled with the song, "Hail, St. Francis, our Father and Patron."

Sister Alonzo was born in Moorland, Iowa, on July 20, 1900 and was baptized Anna in St. Joseph Church, Barnus, Iowa. Her parents, John Hotovec and Antoinette (Vosika) Hotovec, were both born in Bohemia. Their permanent residence in the United States was Pocahontas, where Sister Alonzo was confirmed in St. Peter and Paul Church, and where she finished her elementary education in the District School.

Sister Alonzo is survived by three brothers, Jerry, Frank and Joseph Hotovec, all of Pocahontas and one sister, Mrs. Charles Zeman of Rolfe, Iowa. Sister was visiting with her family in Pocahontas when she became sick. She was hospitalized until she was well enough to travel and was brought to Our Lady of the Angels at the end of July.

The College of St. Francis awarded Sister Alonzo a Bachelor's Degree on August 3, 1947. That same year she celebrated her Silver Jubilee and in 1972 she celebrated her Golden Jubilee.

Her teaching career began in 1922 and ended when she retired to the Motherhouse in 1971. She taught all the grades from one to six. She spent twenty-two years at SS. Cyril and Methodius in Chicago, sixteen years at St. Procop in Cleveland, and seven years at St. Joseph in Elgin. Other schools where she served God and His children were St. Procopius and St. Ludmilla in Chicago, St. Stephen in Streator and St. Mary Magdalene in Columbus. Her four years at the Motherhouse were spent in tutoring and in household activities. Her genial personality and warm smile were a help to all of us. We shall miss her.

The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels. The Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport, on Wednesday morning, August 6, 1975.

Devotedly in Christ,

