

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

St. Francis Convent
Joliet, Illinois

May 15, 1972

Dear Sisters,

Sister Marita Hrap passed on to her eternal reward at 5 p.m. this afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital. Sister had been in the chapel at Our Lady of Angels when she became ill and was given emergency treatment. While waiting for the ambulance, Sister had the oxygen mask on and it appeared that she was trying to say something. When the mask was lifted off for a moment, she uttered the word "Pachages" upon which Sister Ellen Clare assured her that she would take care of them for her. The packages Sister Marita referred to were the gifts she had ready for the Jubilarians. Sister died shortly upon arrival at the Hospital.

Sister Marita was born in Austria on February 4, 1903. Her parents are Stephen Hrap, who is still living in Streator, and Susanna Zack. They emigrated from Austria and settled at 1602 South Bloomington Street, Streator.

Sister Marita entered our Congregation as Mary Hrap on September 17, 1918, and received the Habit on August 12, 1919. Sister pronounced her first vows on August 12, 1921, and her final vows on August 12, 1924. Sister celebrated her Golden Jubilee last year.

Sister's teaching apostolate began in 1921 at St. Stephen's in Johnstown where she spent 19 years. Illinois and Ohio were also the beneficiaries of Sister's dedication. Twenty-six years were spent in Illinois: St. Joseph's, Guardian Angel Home, and Our Lady of Angels in Joliet; Sacred Heart, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Francis Xavier in Chicago; St. Mary's in Rock Island and St. Ann's in Lansing. Sister's Ohio years were spent at St. Mary's in Columbus and Most Pure Heart of Mary in Shelby.

Sister Marita is survived by her father, Mr. Stephen Hrap, of Streator, by four sisters: Mrs. Ann Baldigo of Joliet, Mrs. Bernice Gnidovec of Streator, Mrs. Helen Hunter and Mrs. Rita Woolley also of Streator, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, at Our Lady of Angels, after which Sister's body will be taken to Streator, where a funeral Mass will take place on Thursday morning at St. Stephen's Church. Burial will take place in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Streator.

May we be mindful of the mystery of death-resurrection in our own lives as we remember Sister Marita in our prayers during our novena in preparation for the beautiful feast of Pentecost.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

