

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

July 2, 1979

Dear Sisters,

This morning Sister M. Lucy Hubert rose at an early hour to the call of a new day. This day for her was not to be "just another day," however; it was the day the Lord would call her to Himself. Suddenly, at about 6:30, as she readied herself to attend the morning Liturgy with her Motherhouse community, Sister Lucy died.

January 14 this year was no "ordinary" day for Sister Lucy either. As the Sisters sang their greetings for a happy 80th birthday, Sister Lucy was especially glad to reach this milestone, for this would be the year she would celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. Her heart had not been too strong, and she was hospitalized in early May so that a pacemaker could be inserted to correct an irregular heartbeat. She had wanted very much to be well enough for the Congregation celebration at St. Raymond's Cathedral on June 23. The Lord granted this culmination to a life of fidelity to Him as Sister Lucy celebrated 60 years as a professed Franciscan Sister just nine days ago.

She was born in 1899 in Chicago of Theodore and Clara (Collet) Hubert and given the name Clara at her Baptism in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. She entered the Congregation from St. Gregory's Parish, Chicago, on September 7, 1916. St. Lucy became her patroness as she received her religious name on her reception day, August 12, 1917. Sister Lucy pronounced her first vows in 1919, and her final vows in 1922. She often spoke of her great-aunts, Sisters Felicitas, Veronica, and Charitas Collet, who lived in the Community at the time of the Rochester separation in 1877. Her admiration for them was constant.

Virtually all her religious life Sister Lucy was a teacher. Her years "on mission" from 1918 to 1973 were spent in Illinois (St. Bernard, Joliet; St. Rita, Aurora; St. Joseph, Elgin; St. Joseph, Pesotum; SS. Peter and Paul, and St. Pascal, Chicago; Sacred Heart, Englewood); in Ohio (Our Lady of Mercy, Granville; St. Mary, and St. Cecilia, Columbus; St. Peter, Mansfield; St. Edward, Ashland); in Michigan (St. Michael, Brunswick); and in Wisconsin (Holy Family, Bayfield). Throughout her 55 years of teaching, Sister Lucy alluded to the excellent training she had initially received from Mother Angela Rosenberger. Until last spring, she continued to teach in the CCD program at St. Bernard's, Joliet.

Although she entered semi-retirement six years ago, Sister Lucy never "retired." Her receptivity to new life in the Congregation led her to spend the year 1975-76 as a member of the Novitiate community at St. Cyril's, Joliet. She never missed a meeting of her Assembly Group and was a committed member of her local house group and the Motherhouse liturgy committee. She also gave year-round service to the Activity Department, offering countless handmade items to the annual bazaar. She remained active to the end and was the first of our Sisters to die at the Motherhouse since 1961.

We offer our deep sympathy to the Sisters with whom Sister Lucy lived as well as to her two brothers, John of San Diego, and Anthony of Chicago, to her several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and to her cousin, Sister Clara Ann Meehan. On Tuesday, July 3, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, the wake will be held from 2 to 7 p.m., with a special prayer service at 3:30 p.m. and the Liturgy of Resurrection at 7 p.m. Burial services will be held on Thursday, July 5, at 9 a.m. from the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

May our dear Sister Lucy enjoy an eternal jubilee in Heaven!

Devotedly yours,

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