

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

June 6, 1979

Dear Sisters,

In the 64th year of her life as a Franciscan Sister, Sister M. Rudolpha Jaros entered into the eternal peace of God this morning, June 6, 1979, in the infirmary of Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home where she had lived since 1973. She was 88 years old.

Sister was born on December 17, 1890. At her Baptism in St. Procopius Church, Chicago, her parents, Francis and Anna (Budka) Jaros, chose St. Anne to be her patron as she was her mother's. Anna Jaros' disposition was a happy and gentle one, which rather naturally was attracted to the charism of a Franciscan community. She chose our Joliet Congregation, which one of her sisters, Sister M. Regis, had entered two years before, and another, Sister M. Annunciata, would join fifteen years later. Her postulancy began on December 7, 1914. The feast of St. Clare, August 12, 1915, marked the day of her reception as a novice when she was given her religious name. In 1917, she pronounced her first vows; in 1920, she made final profession. Sister lived to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee in June, 1977.

Sister Rudolpha's life was devoted to the education apostolate on the elementary level, and she taught every grade. She was a gifted and deeply respected teacher. One of the Sisters who had lived with her said of Sister Rudolpha, "The children learned because Sister Rudolpha loved them." A more beautiful tribute could hardly be made than this given to a religious educator whose career as teacher or principal spanned 52 years. St. Procop, Cleveland, was her first mission where she taught for a total of 32 years. She also taught at Holy Family, Cleveland; St. Ludmilla, St. Cyril, and St. Francis Xavier, all of Chicago.

Sister Rudolpha is survived by a brother-in-law, John Zizmarik, of Niles, Illinois; two nephews, Miles Jaros, of Hinsdale, and Frank Jaros, of Western Springs; and a niece, Mrs. Charles Condon, of Jamestown, New York. Her two sisters in religion preceded her in death. Sister M. Annunciata died as a first-year novice at the age of 34 in 1930; Sister M. Regis died in 1956 at the age of 67.

We offer compassionate sympathy to all who knew and loved Sister Rudolpha, especially her family, her former pupils, and her Franciscan Sisters. The wake for Sister Rudolpha will be from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels on Thursday, June 7. A prayer service will be held at 3:30 p.m., and the Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on June 7. Burial will be on Friday morning, June 8, from Our Lady of Angels at 9:30 to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

In her retirement, Sister Rudolpha used to assure her Sisters that, while they worked, she would pray for them. We trust her continued intercession for all of us as she continues to worship the Lord to whom she had dedicated her life on earth.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

The Governing Board

