

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

St. Francis Convent  
Joliet, Illinois

January 29, 1972

Dear Sisters,

The Lord has called another one of our dear ones to Himself. Sister Perpetua Kaiser departed this life Saturday morning, January 29, fortified with the Last Sacraments. Sister was conscious to almost the very end, and slipped away peacefully, while the Sisters were reciting the prayers for the dying at her bedside.

Sister Perpetua was born in Austria on April 18, 1881 to Valentine Kaiser and Maria Pecnik. She and our Sister Flora embarked for America and entered our Congregation July 1, 1905. Sister Perpetua received her citizenship papers in 1923.

On January 25, 1906, Sister received the Habit of our Congregation and on August 15, 1908, made her First Vows. On August 12, 1914, Sister pronounced her Final Vows.

Sister Perpetua's apostolate was teaching the little ones and she first took up this work in February, 1907 at St. Joseph's, Joliet, where she remained until June, 1944. From the Fall of 1944 to June, 1954, Sister's apostolate turned to sewing and general domestic work at the Prep, St. Francis Assisi, Sacred Heart - Lillyville, and Assumption -- substituting in the grades wherever there was a need. From 1954 to 1962, Sister Perpetua was assigned to Guardian Angel Home where she was seamstress and general assistant whenever she could be of help.

In the Spring of 1962, Sister entered Our Lady of Angels for a much-deserved rest. Sister was there until her death.

Sister is the last of her Class to enter eternity, having been preceded by Sister Alodia Wartner, Sister Crescentia Metz, Sister Flora Mihelcic, Sister Leocadia Reeb, Sister Redempta Brausch, Sister Secunda Govednik, Sister Alfrieda Koerber, Sister Eulogia Karcher, Sister Donata Dahms, and Sister Francisca Reisel. No doubt her classmates gave Sister Perpetua a royal welcome.

Sister is survived by five cousins: Mrs. Josephine Erjavec of Joliet, Mrs. Theresa Vidic of Chicago, Mrs. Cecilia Zorman of Downers Grove, Mrs. Josephine Zaverl of Ely, Minnesota, and Miss Josephine Setina of River Grove. We extend our deepest sympathy upon the loss of their loved one.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for Sister Perpetua on Tuesday, February 1, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. Burial will take place in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport Township.

May we be mindful of the great mystery of death-resurrection in our own lives as we remember Sister Perpetua in our prayers.

Devotedly in Christ,  
The Governing Board

