

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

St. Francis Convent  
Joliet, Illinois

March 15, 1972

Dear Sisters,

One of our Diamond Jubilarians, Sister Mildred Kalvelage, died very peacefully this morning at Our Lady of Angels. When Sister Grace came to her room early this morning, she noticed a change in Sister and asked her, "Sister Mildred, are you planning on going to heaven today?" And Sister Mildred answered, "Yes!" Shortly afterward, Sister passed away. She had been sick for a long time, but was patient all the way through her long illness. At the bedside with Sister Mildred were Mother Immaculate, Mother Borromeo, Sister Salome, Sister Grace, and Sister Christian, reciting the prayers for the dying.

Sister Mildred was born in Chicago on August 18, 1890. Her parents were Andrew Kalvelage of Chicago, and Cecilia Berger of New Hamburg, Ontario, Canada. The Kalvelage family attended St. Teresa's parish in Chicago.

Sister Mildred entered our Congregation on September 4, 1909 and pronounced her first vows on August 12, 1912. Sister would have celebrated her Diamond Jubilee this year.

Sister began her teaching apostolate in September, 1912, at St. Boniface School in Chicago where she taught first grade. In 1914, Sister was teacher of music and served as organist at St. Clement's. In 1916, Sister taught music and served as organist at St. Mary's in Columbus and in 1917, the teaching of business classes was added to Sister's schedule. From 1919 to 1933, Sister served as organist and teacher of music at St. Pascal's. In the Fall of 1933, Sister Mildred taught in the Department of Music at the College of St. Francis and in 1934, Sister took up her new assignment in the Registrar's Office at the College of St. Francis, which position she held until 1963 and in which position most of us remember her. From the Fall of 1963 until June 1968, Sister became Director of Teacher Certification, which was the last position Sister held until her retirement to OLA in the Fall of '68.

Sister Mildred is survived by one brother, Arthur C. Kalvelage (having been preceded in death recently by her priest brother, Rev. Ferdinand L. Kalvelage of Chicago), and by cousins: Rev. John Kalvelage, CSSR of Bellaire, Texas, Sister M. Pontia Kalvelage, OSF of the Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Marcella Heuvelman of Chicago.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 17, and burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

We celebrate Sister's life and death as a gift and a blessing and look upon her entrance into eternity as a special favor during these days of our anticipation of the glorious Feast of the Resurrection.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

