

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

September 1, 1983

Dear Sisters,

Sister M. Concepta Klingelschmitt had been in frail health for several months. Although she had suffered during her last illness, death arrived peacefully. Surrounded by some of her Sisters, she entered eternity at 9:50 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30.

Englewood always held a special place in the heart of Sister Concepta. "Sacred Heart is a good place for me because it is my home from Baptism. I love it." She voiced these thoughts just two years before departing Sacred Heart for retirement at Our Lady of Angels. It was in this neighborhood that she matured as a young woman amid a family of four brothers and six sisters. Her father owned a grocery store and market and was one of the first parishioners in the parish.

Everyone who functioned on a faculty with Sister Concepta remarks on the fact of her extreme excellence as a primary teacher. In her early days of teaching--1917--she was known to have as many as 75 first graders in her room. Without raising her voice she was able to motivate her students with a love for learning. They graduated from her grade with a fine background in reading and writing, as well as in the other disciplines of the primary grades. Just the day before she died one of her former students stopped at OLA to see her, reminiscing on Sister's qualities as a gifted teacher.

Her last teaching assignment was a return to her origins--Sacred Heart, Englewood. She remained there six more years in semi-retirement. Those were happy years for her. She remarked that she was so satisfied with her living "because the group consisted of a young Sister, middle-aged Sisters, and older Sisters. This made for a more interesting living. Also, two lay teachers living with us contributed to the welfare of our little peaceful community by their dedicated service to the inner city school." And one must not forget the dog, beloved by all in the convent and especially loved by Sister Concepta.

Sister Concepta was of a quiet nature, but even in her days of suffering she had a smile of greeting for those who encountered her. We offer our sympathy to her three sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, Mrs. Clara Braun, and Mrs. Catherine Pongratz. They will miss their sister, as will the residents of Our Lady of Angels. But she will be with them, united through the mysterious bonds of the communion of saints. May God give her the rewards of her loving service to Him these past 67 years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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SISTER M. CONCEPTA KLINGELSCMITT, OSF (MARY JOSEPHINE)



Parents: Louis and Anna (Lersch) Klingelschmitt
Birthdate: February 10, 1897, Chicago, Illinois
Parish: Sacred Heart (Englewood)

Postulancy: January 17, 1916
Novitiate: August 12, 1916
First Profession: August 12, 1918
Final Profession: August 12, 1921
Diamond Jubilee: June, 1978

Died: Tuesday, August 30, 1983, 9:50 p.m. at Our Lady of
Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL
Age: 86 years old; in religious life 67 years

Ministry:

1917-23 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grades 1, 2
1923-24 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, Grades 1, 2
1924-25 St. Dionysius, Cicero, IL, Grades 1, 2, 3
1925-37 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grades 1, 2
1937-38 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grade 1
1938-39 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 1/General Work
1939-58 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grade 1
1958-63 St. Pius X, Lombard, IL, Grade 1
1963-76 Sacred Heart, Chicago (Englewood), IL
1963-70: Grade 1
1970-76: Semi-retired
1976-83 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Friday, September 2, 1983, 2-7 p.m. at Our Lady of
Angels Retirement Home
Prayer Service: Friday, September 2, 1983, 3:30 p.m.
Liturgy: Friday, September 2, 1983, 7:00 p.m.
Burial Services: Saturday, September 3, 1983, 9:30 a.m. from Our Lady
of Angels to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport, IL