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

July 14, 1980

Dear Sisters,

A few weeks ago Sister Prudentia Kolarik left the Motherhouse for nursing care at Our Lady of Angels. As her condition did not improve, she entered St. Joseph Hospital, but after two weeks she asked to return to Our Lady of Angels to be with her Sisters. It was there that she died at 8:10 this morning, just four days after her transfer from the hospital.

Sister Prudentia was born on December 17, 1897 in Austria-Hungary, of Fabian and Mary Kolarik. When she was still young, her parents settled in Cleveland in St. Procop's Parish. From there Sister entered the Congregation in 1919, made her first profession in 1922, and her final profession in 1925.

During her life in the Congregation, Sister Prudentia had a long record of dedicated service to the needs of the Sisters in the convent—cooking meals, doing the laundry, performing the numberless duties connected with the care of the convent. She served 20 years in Illinois at the Motherhouse, St. Francis Assisi, St. Procopius, St. Francis de Sales, and St. Clement. For 33 years she ministered at St. Procop or Holy Family, Cleveland, and spent 5 years at St. Stephen, Johnstown. She served her Sisters with a cheerful disposition, a smile on her face, and a kind word on her lips. She was eager to perform her duties well and to satisfy the needs of the Sisters with whom she shared community.

Since 1975, Sister Prudentia has lived at the Motherhouse. During these years she was one of the most active participants in the Activity Room. Every day she could be found there, seated at her sewing mathine, making articles for the Fall Activity Fair. One of her last projects was making linen napkins for the Motherhouse dining room when the house switched from paper to linen. Just before she died, she gave Sister Theresa Zver, Activity Director, six beautifully tatted handkerchiefs for the Fall Activity Fair. Sister Prudentia will have an active part to play in this next Fair, even though she will not be present in person.

Sister Prudentia will be waked at Our Lady of Angels on Wednesday, July 16, from 2 to 7 p.m., with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 7:00 that evening in the chapel at Our Lady of Angels, and burial services will be held at Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport, on Thursday, July 17, at 9:30 a.m.

We offer our sympathy to Sister Prudentia's sister, Mrs. Anna Dubnicka of Lakewood, OH; her brothers, Anton of Cleveland, OH, Frank of Marblehead, OH, and Rudolph of Yucaipa, CA; and her nieces, nephews, and friends. We pray that God will bless them in this time of grief for the loss of Sister Prudentia.

Sister Prudentia was a good and faithful servant. The Lord has called her to Himself after nearly eighty-three years of life in His vineyard. May she rest in peace.

