

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

January 21, 1972

Dear Sisters,

Our Sister Maxine Kucera was called home on the feast of the young martyr saint, Saint Agnes. Sister Maxine suffered greatly in her last illness, but she bore her suffering well.

Sister Maxine was born on December 15, 1914, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and entered our Congregation on September 8, 1930. Sister pronounced her First Vows on August 12, 1933, and made her Final Profession on August 12, 1936.

Sister's apostolate was teaching, which began in 1933 at St. Mary's in Columbus. Sister remained there until 1946 at which time she was transferred to St. Stephen's in Streator. St. Joseph's in Freeport and St. Joseph's in Joliet were her missions from 1952 to 1957. From 1957 to 1962, the Chicago missions benefitted from Sister's capabilities in the classroom. These Chicago missions were Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Francis Assisi, and SS. Cyril & Methodius.

From 1962 to 1967, Sister Maxine went to Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively -- teaching at Marybrook Academy, St. Stephen's, Johnstown, and Most Pure Heart of Mary in Shelby. Sister's last classes were at St. Stephen's, Streator, from 1967 to 1970. In 1970, Sister took up residence at Our Lady of Angels until God called her to Himself.

Sister Maxine is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Frank Babik, Mrs. Stephen Topscher, Mrs. Julia Tholt, and Mrs. Joseph Baron; and by two brothers, Andrew and Stephen -- all of Johnstown. We wish to extend to you, Margaret, Irene, Julia, Mary, Andrew and Stephen, our sympathy at your great loss. But your loss is ours also, for Sister Maxine is our dear Sister-in-Christ.

May the good Lord give us a great increase of hope as we join in the Liturgy of the Resurrection on Monday, January 24, and may we be ever mindful of the mystery of death-resurrection in our own lives as we remember Sister Maxine in our prayers.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

