

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

St. Francis Convent
Joliet, Illinois

March 10, 1970

Dear Sisters,

Sister Michelina Lange died at 8:40 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet, Illinois.

Death came very peacefully to Sister, who was in the 94th year of her life and the 76th of her Religious Consecration. On Sunday night, March 8, Sister lapsed into a coma, but she revived briefly Monday morning in time to receive Holy Communion. Shortly after Communion Sister again went into a coma and remained in that condition until her death.

Sister Michelina's niece, Mrs. Lois Kelly, arrived from St. Louis, Missouri about 6:30 p.m. Monday and was with Sister at the time of her death.

Born on January 13, 1877 in Germany, Sister eventually made her home in this country in the St. Louis, Missouri area. St. Stanislas in St. Louis was Sister's parish.

Sister's surviving relatives live in the St. Louis area. Besides Mrs. Kelly, Sister is survived by two other nieces, Mrs. James Schooley and Mrs. Helen Fullerton, and one nephew, Mr. Arthur Lange.

On January 8, 1894, Sister Michelina was admitted to our Congregation, entered the Novitiate on July 24, 1894, made her first vows one year later and her final vows on August 15, 1899. On December 28, 1969, the Congregation celebrated Sister's Diamond Jubilee at a special ceremony at Our Lady of Angels.

Sister began her teaching apostolate in 1895 at St. Boniface parish, Chicago, teaching grades two and three. Her last teaching assignment was likewise in Chicago as seventh grade teacher in St. Ludmilla parish in 1957.

Sister served in the position of Superior and Principal for 29 years of her life, beginning at Holy Cross School in Joliet, from 1911 until 1917, and again at Holy Cross from 1936 to 1939. At St. Wenceslas in Chicago, she gave 20 years as Superior and Principal, and an additional 8 years as teacher in the intermediate grades. Sister also gave her school abilities to St. Mary, Columbus, Ohio, St. Michael, Sigel, Illinois and St. Boniface, St. Francis Assisi and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Chicago.

From 1957 until her retirement in 1963, Sister Michelina lived at Guardian Angel Home, giving her time and abilities to the children there through supervision and general work.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Thursday, March 12, at Our Lady of Angels at ten a.m. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery in Lockport, Illinois.

Let us give thanks for the example of years of faithful service and total commitment given to us by Sister Michelina.

Devotedly in Christ,
The Governing Board

