

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

December 29, 1972

Dear Sisters,

The Feast of the Holy Innocents was the date chosen by God from all eternity for Sister M. Pierre McAndrew to take leave of earth and begin eternal life in Heaven. Sister died at 9:55 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital, North Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. She was admitted to the hospital on December 23d with a cardiac condition that came as a surprise to her. Her condition worsened each day until death came quietly to claim her.

Sister was born in Topeka, Kansas, on February 4, 1904. She was baptized there and named Anna. Her family moved to Joliet and she was raised in both St. Mary's Carmelite parish and St. Patrick's parish.

Sister Pierre entered the postulancy of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate on January 31, 1922. Her novitiate began August 12, 1922. She made her first profession on August 12, 1924, and pronounced her final vows on August 12, 1927.

Her life as a religious educator began at St. Bernard's parish school in 1923-24. Except for the scholastic year of 1937-38, the State of Illinois was the scene of her teaching career. She taught at St. Pascal's in Chicago 14 years and St. Francis deSales 9 years. The other schools in Chicago where she served God's people were St. Peter and Paul, St. Clements, St. Francis Xavier, and Our Lady of Guadalupe. She taught in the suburbs of Chicago, one year at Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods and two years at St. Mary's in Des Plaines. She also was stationed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, for three years. Sister Pierre finished her profession as a teacher when Christmas vacation began this year.

The only remaining close relative of Sister Pierre is her sister, Mrs. Karl Henneberger, who lives in Batavia, Illinois. She was able to be with Sister several times during her very sudden and short-lived illness.

The Congregation will celebrate her death and resurrection with the Mass of the Resurrection at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home on January 1, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. The Burial Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, at Our Lady of Angels with burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport Township.

We invite all of the Congregation and the relatives, friends, and students of Sister Pierre to join in thanking God for her long and fruitful life and her entrance into the dwelling place prepared for her by God from all eternity.

Devotedly in Christ,

THE GOVERNING BOARD

