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

July 16, 1975

Dear Sisters,

After almost a full day, spent as usual, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Sister Aquinata Meisner was called by God to death and Resurrection. The call was sudden and unexpected even though Sister Aquinata has been failing in health for some time. Her quiet death was a fitting close to her quiet, unassuming life.

Sister Aquinata was born to Henry Meisner and Catherine Waldschmidt Meisner on February 25, 1894, in Metamora, Illinois. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's in her native city. She entered religious life on December 7, 1916. August 12 was the day of her reception into the novitiate in 1917, of her first profession of vows in 1919, and of her perpetual profession in 1922.

Sister Aquinata's teaching career began in 1918 at St. Francis of Assisi, Chicago. The first seven years of her professed life and the last nine years, before her retirement to OLA in 1967, were dedicated to God in the service of children in elementary schools at St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis de Sales, and SS. Peter and Paul in Chicago; St. Michael, St. Mary, St. Stephen in Illinois, at Leonore, Sigel, Green Creek, and Streator respectively. In Ohio she served at St. Peter's, Mansfield and St. Mary's, Columbus.

Community-owned institutions were her place of ministry for 23 years. Ten years were spent at St. Francis Academy and thirteen at Our Lady of Mercy, Granville. She was superior six years and principal three years at Our Lady of Mercy.

Sister Aquinata is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Knoblauch and Mrs. Rose Biehl, and one brother, John, all of Metamora.

The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday evening, July 16, 1975, at Our Lady of Angels at 7:30 p.m. and the funeral will be from Our Lady of Angels, Thursday morning, July 17, at 10 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

May our Sister rest in peace and enjoy eternal happiness.

Devotedly in Christ,

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