

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

August 13, 1983

Dear Sisters,

Although Sister Annette Michael had been suffering from diabetes for years, her sudden illness and death came as a shock to everyone. At 11:45 p.m. on August 12 she entered eternity--the anniversary of her reception and profession days as a Sister of St. Francis.

Sister Annette was born in Metamora, Illinois. She was very proud of that fact because it linked her to the historical beginning of the Congregation. From 1864-1865 Sister Barbara Moes and Sister Alberta Stockhoff taught at St. Mary's Parish in Metamora. According to Sister Annette's records, they remained only one year since there was not a resident priest, and they missed the Eucharistic celebration, even on Sunday, if they could not travel. Their presence, though, encouraged Mary Ann Rosenberger to join the Sisters in Joliet, becoming the first postulant on August 2, 1865.

When she was only fourteen, Sister Annette (Lidwina Elizabeth) decided to join her older sister, Sister Pascal, who was preparing for entrance to the postulancy in September. "What is good enough for my older sister is good enough for me." In January, 1919, she joined her sister, but they lived together just a year and a half as Sister Pascal was sent to teach during her second year novitiate. Only during the summer months did they have the opportunity to visit with one another.

Sister Annette enjoyed her years in the classroom, continuing her relationship with children through the tutoring program at the Motherhouse. For eight years after her retirement from full-time teaching she was engaged in this program, as well as in "a summer hobby of caring for plants--flowers. Having been born and raised on a farm, I enjoy doing this in order to provide flowers for the liturgical services." Also during her Motherhouse years she became interested in creative ceramics, expressing this aesthetic dimension of herself as a "real joy." Some of Sister Annette's budget was spent frequently on cultural books as she had been a bookworm all her life.

Although Sister Annette might have been tiny in stature, she was a strong-willed woman with definite goals in life and the drive to attain them. She was very devoted to the Blessed Mother, and even wrote a prayer in Mary's honor, obtaining ecclesiastical approval for it from Bishop Blanchette on March 21, 1973.

We offer our sympathy to her sisters, Sister Pascal and Hildegard Adams; to her brothers, Fred and Herman; and to her numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Sister Annette was baptized on October 4, the feast of St. Francis, and died on the Feast of St. Clare. I am sure these Franciscan patrons escorted her into the presence of her Lord. May He give her the joy and love of His Presence forever.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

THE GOVERNING BOARD



SISTER M. ANNETTE MICHAEL, OSF 575

Parents: Frederick and Teresa (Hoehne) Michael  
 Birthdate: September 23, 1903, in Metamora, IL  
 Baptized: Lidwina Elizabeth on October 4, 1903, St. Mary Church, Metamora, IL

Postulancy: January 3, 1919  
 Novitiate: August 12, 1919  
 First Profession: August 12, 1921  
 Final Profession: August 12, 1925  
 Diamond Jubilee: June, 1981

Age: 79 years old  
 In religious life 64 years



Ministry:

1921-22 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Grade 2  
 1922-23 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, Grades 1, 2  
 1923-24 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grade 1  
 1924-25 St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Grades 1, 2  
 1925-26 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grades 3, 4  
 1926-29 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grades 3, 5, 6  
 1929-30 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grades 4, 5  
 1930-31 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 6  
 1931-32 St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 5  
 1932-35 Sacred Heart, Chicago (Englewood), IL, Grades 5, 6  
 1935-36 St. Mary, Shelby, OH, Grades 5, 6  
 1936-38 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 6  
 1938-39 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Grade 7  
 1939-40 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grade 6  
 1940-41 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 7  
 1941-42 Our Lady Help of Christians, Green Creek, IL, Principal, Grades 5, 6, 7, 8  
 1942-43 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grade 7  
 1943-46 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 6  
 1946-47 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 6  
 1947-49 Sacred Heart, Chicago (Englewood), IL, Grade 6  
 1949-50 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Grade 6  
 1950-51 St. Mary, Fairfield, AL, Grade 4  
 1951-52 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Grades 3, 4, 5  
 1952-55 Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, Ungraded classes  
 1955-58 St. Michael, Worthington, OH, Grades 2, 3, 4  
 1958-59 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grade 5  
 1959-64 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grade 7  
 1964-65 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 7  
 1965-67 St. Rita, Aurora, IL, Grade 7  
 1967-75 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutor  
 1975-83 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Died: Friday, August 12, 1983 at 11:45 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital  
 Wake: Sunday, August 14, 2-7 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home  
 Prayer Service: Sunday, August 14, 3:30 p.m.  
 Mass of Resurrection: Sunday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.  
 Burial Services: Tuesday, August 16, 9:30 a.m. from Our Lady of Angels to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport