

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

May 4, 1977

Dear Sisters,

It was during her retreat on the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 6, that Sister Sidonia became sick and was taken to St. Joseph Hospital. Just a month later, on May 4, at 3:13 PM, she went to her eternal reward from that hospital bed. She had been confined to intensive care when first taken to the hospital, but was released a week later to another hospital room. But she never quite regained her strength. On Sunday, April 24, she was re-admitted to intensive care and died there eleven days later in the 70th year of her life.

Sister Sidonia was born to George and Irene Mickovic on June 19, 1907, in Illava, Austria-Hungary. Her family moved to the United States and settled in Sacred Heart Parish, Chicago, where Sister Sidonia, then Irene, went to school. On September 7, 1923, she entered the postulancy of the Sisters of St. Francis in Joliet. The next year, on August 12, she entered the Novitiate, made her first vows on August 12, 1926, and her final vows on August 12, 1929.

Sister served 44 years in elementary education, teaching during those years nearly every grade. For eleven years each, she taught at St. Stephen, Johnstown, and St. Stephen, Streator. Her last teaching assignment was at Immaculate Conception, Toledo. Following her years of service as teacher, she ministered as librarian, first at St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, and then at the Motherhouse. She was librarian at the Motherhouse until a month ago.

The wake for Sister Sidonia will be at Our Lady of Angels on Thursday afternoon and evening, May 5. A Scripture Service will be offered for Sister at 3:30 PM. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Charles Reuter, OFM, at Our Lady of Angels at 7:30 PM that evening. The burial will be Friday morning, May 6, at 10:00 AM, to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

Sister Sidonia is survived by two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Otilia Ivanic of Chicago and Mrs. George Mickovic of Nashville. We offer them our deepest sympathy. Each of us, her Franciscan Sisters, will miss the quiet cheerfulness we have come to cherish over the years in Sister Sidonia. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee last year on June 19th, her birthday. This year she is having the birthday celebration in Heaven, a celebration of joy and thankfulness for the 53 years of her religious service to Him who is All-Faithful.

Devotedly in Christ,

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