

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

St. Francis Convent
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Sisters,

June 16, 1972

Our Sister Ernesta Mraz breathed her last at 2:15 p.m. today. Sister has been suffering patiently for quite some time and the Lord saw fit to take her to Himself.

Sister Ernesta was born in Streator, Illinois on April 10, 1887. Her parents were John Mraz and Barbara Merhel, both of whom were born in Austria, Hungary.

Sister Ernesta entered our Congregation as Barbara Mraz on September 6, 1902, and received the Habit on August 12, 1903. Sister pronounced her first vows on August 12, 1905, and her final vows on August 12, 1911.

Sister began her teaching career in 1904 at St. Stephen's in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Sister remained there until 1921 and then returned again in 1956. The rest of Sister's teaching years were spent in the State of Illinois, where she served the people of God at Sacred Heart, Huron Street, St. Francis of Assisi, Assumption, SS. Peter & Paul, Leonore, and Guardian Angel Home in Joliet. Sister retired to Our Lady of Angels in December, 1964.

Sister Ernesta is survived by three nephews: Leo, Steve, and John Mraz and one niece, Mary Stehlo -- all of Streator.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be offered for Sister Ernesta on Monday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. Sister's burial will take place in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport Township.

We celebrate Sister's life and death as a gift and a blessing and look upon her entrance into eternity as a special favor as she begins her new life.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

