

For those who have been faithful, O Lord,

He is not ended, but merely changed.

January 15, 1983

Dear Sisters,

Sister Teresita had been suffering her last illness for many weeks, gradually growing weaker and unable to communicate. She had been afflicted with severe headaches during most of her life, yet always accepted this pain with a spirit of faith. She wrote to one of her Sister friends six years ago: "I've learned to accept my burdens. How otherwise could I get to heaven. These add a little bit of heaven here on earth. Truly I can say Jesus, Jesus, how I love you. This acceptance brings me to Him daily more and more." On Friday, January 14, her earthly suffering ceased when she was called by her Lord to join Him in eternity.

Although quiet and unassuming during her lifetime, she nevertheless exerted a great influence over the minds and hearts of her students in the elementary schools where she taught. She was particularly instrumental in integrating religious values into the daily lives of her children. One project that illustrates her ability to be an effective teacher was published in the magazine, HOME (June 13, 1946 issue). The project, entitled Emmanuel City, proposed to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart and, consequently, have Him enthroned in the homes of each member of her class. The object of Emmanuel City, quoting from its constitutions, was: "We aim to work for the interests of our class and of our school, improve our school in every way possible, and thus set a high standard of school citizenship. In this way we shall prepare ourselves for later life." A large chart, drawn by Sister Teresita, was kept in the front of her classroom, reminding the children of their citizenship in this city. The children engaged in a nationwide correspondence with pen pals in each of the forty-eight states, telling them of Mansfield and of Emmanuel City. Such projects caught the imagination of her students and prepared them for their future life.

Sister Teresita loved art and produced artistic pieces in many different media. She was able to utilize this gift in her teaching, probably another reason for her success in the classroom. She will be remembered by her students, her friends, relatives and all her Sisters for her gentleness and her ability to smile in spite of her physical distress.

We offer all who mourn her loss our sincere sympathy. She is the last of six children of the Muzelak family, and is survived only by several cousins. She had great devotion to the Sacred Heart during her life, and was instrumental in having His image enthroned in numerous homes during her active days. May He now look upon her with kindness and reward her for her long years of service in His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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SISTER M. TERESITA MUZELAK (ELIZABETH) 569

Born: November 10, 1900 in Moravia, Austria-Hungary
Parents: Michael and Louise (Rusek) Muzelak
Parish: St. Vitus, Chicago, IL

Postulancy: December 8, 1922
Novitiate: August 12, 1923
First Profession: August 12, 1925
Final Profession: August 12, 1928
Golden Jubilee: June, 1975

Age: 82 years old
In religious life 59 years.



MINISTRY:

1924-25	St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, grades 1-2
1925-26	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, grade 4
1926 (Sept.)	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Convalescing
(Oct.-Nov.)	St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, grade 3
(Dec.)	Sacred Heart (Englewood), Chicago, IL, grade 3
Jan. 1927-1958	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, grades 3,4,5,6
1958-59	Sacred Heart (Huron Street), Chicago, IL, grades 3-4
1959-63	St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, grade 4
1963-65	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, grade 4
1965 (Sept.)	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Art teacher
Oct. 1965-67	Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Convalescing
1967-72	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL ($\frac{1}{2}$ day teacher at St. Jude, Joliet, 1967-68)
1972-83	Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Died: Friday, January 14, 1983, at 8:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home

Wake: Sunday, January 16, 2-7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels

Prayer Service: Sunday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Monday, January 17, 9:00 a.m. from Our Lady of Angels to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport