

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

Dear Sisters and Associates,

"I fled Him, down the night and down the days;
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the midst of tears
I hid from Him, and under running laughter." Hound of Heaven

Born in Chicago on October 19, 1895, Ida Nyholt was the third child of Frank and Anne Nyholt. Ida joined the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate when she was only sixteen. The name she was given at reception was Adelina. Her life spoke of the search and restlessness we read in Francis Thompson's, "Hound of Heaven".

Sister Adelene was grateful for her many years and varied experiences in teaching. She treasured her students' appreciation for what she called her "feeble efforts." She saved some quotes from a writing class. One student says, "No teacher is listened to, talked of, or respected more . . ." and another says, "You have helped me put on paper what I feel inside. . ."

When in 1967-68 Sister Adelene took a library service class in the Diocese of Cleveland her seventy adult classmates honored her with what was called a "True-Berry" award "for adding warmth, understanding, knowledge, leadership and friendship to the class."

"Ah! must Thou char the wood ere Thou canst limn with it?"

Community members know that many experiences with her reflected a restless spirit, a searching for peace. Sister Adelene was a multi-talented woman, including a special talent for painting. In addition to studying art at the College of St. Francis she also took courses at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. Perhaps her favorite painting was that of Mary and the Child Jesus, a child with an enchantingly beautiful face.

A stroke approximately two years prior to her death took away her verbal abilities. From then on she communicated only by gesture and facial expression. It was that moment which seemed to bring peace to her restless, sometimes violent, spirit.

During the days when her dying was evident those who were with her experienced a deep peace and an apparent readiness to surrender: "'Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest, I am He Whom thou seekest! Thou dravest love from thee, who dravest Me.'" The child in her painting directly faced her and by looking from face to face at those who visited she responded to their expressions of caring.

We offer sympathy to Sister Adelene's two surviving sisters, Lucille and Nell, her Sisters in community and to other relatives, friends and former students.

Like her favorite aunt, Sister Caroline Brower, Sister Adelene Nyholt lived a long life. During this year the Congregation would have gathered to celebrate with her the seventy-fifth anniversary of her reception. Instead we gather now to celebrate with Sister Adelene Life Everlasting! And may she have everlasting peace!

The Governing Board



SISTER M. ADELENE NYHOLT (Ida)

Born: October 19, 1895
 Parents: Francis and Anna (Brouwer) Nyholt
 Postulancy: December 24, 1911
 Novitiate: August 12, 1912
 First Profession: August 12, 1914
 Final Profession: August 12, 1919
 Died: Sunday, June 7, 1987 at 7:56 a.m. at
 Our Lady of Angels



Ministry:

1913 - 1914 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grade 1
 1914 - 1915 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Grade 5
 1915 - 1916 St. Louis, Washburn, WI, Grades 4 & 5
 1916 - 1918 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 3 - 6
 1918 - 1919 St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 7
 1919 - 1920 St. Boniface, St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 8
 1920 - 1925 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, English, Latin, Spanish, Algebra
 Ancient History, Science
 1925 - 1926 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grades 5 & 6
 1926 - 1927 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, Grades 3 & 4
 1927 - 1929 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, English, Algebra,
 Latin, History
 1929 - 1931 St. Francis Academy, Latin, American History
 1931 - 1933 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, History, Latin
 1933 - 1934 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Latin, History
 1934 - 1937 Central Catholic High School, Johnstown, PA, History
 1937 - 1945 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Superior, Principal, History,
 English, French
 1945 - 1946 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, High School, Operetta
 1946 - 1949 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, History
 1949 - 1954 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, History
 1954 - 1956 Alteman High, Rock Island, IL, English, History
 1956 - 1960 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, History, Religion, Latin
 1960 - 1964 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Religion, Latin
 1964 - 1967 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, History
 1967 - 1968 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Library
 1968 - 1969 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Librarian
 1969 - 1973 Mendel High School, Chicago, IL, Assistant Dean of Studies
 1973 - 1975 DePaul Center, Chicago, IL, Visitor/Group Leader
 1975 - 1976 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Pastoral Ministry
 1976 - 1979 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Retired
 1979 - 1987 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Tuesday, June 9, 1987 from 2 - 7 p.m. with prayer service
 at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Tuesday, June 9, 1987 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Wednesday, June 10, 1987 from OLA at 9 a.m. to Resurrection

Survived by sisters, Lucille Stokes and Nell Dair, nephews, nieces and
 cousins.