

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

September 15, 1986

Dear Sisters and Associates,

With the same dignity and gentleness with which she lived her earthly life, Sister Leona Schendel slipped peacefully and calmly to her eternal life at 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

Sister Leona was a warm and loving woman, whose very being was grounded in a deep and personal faith. In a visit with her before she moved to Our Lady of Angels just three weeks ago, she asked prayerful support that she would be courageous and faithful to the end. Those who spent time with her during her last days are confident of that fidelity, firm and unshaken.

Sister Leona reached out with warmth and compassion to many people and, as a result, the list of friends and people who cared deeply for her is a lengthy one. Her many gestures of thoughtfulness and concern will long be remembered.

During the 62 years of her life as a Joliet Franciscan, Sister performed her ministry with a cheerful heart and with a genuine sense of commitment. Teaching was life-giving for her, and she continued to offer her services to the educational effort long after failing health caused her to leave full-time classroom teaching.

In this life, Sister Leona was a quiet, peace-loving person, meeting the exigencies of life with equanimity. Now that she is enjoying the glory of Heaven, she has captured forever the prize of unending peace which no one can take from her.

We offer our sympathy to Sister Leona's brother, George, and to her cousins and other family members. We give thanks for her presence among us and pray that the Lord of Life will bless her with the joy and peace of His Presence forever.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



616 SISTER M. LEONA SCENDEL O.S.F.

Born:

January 18, 1908

Parents:

Gustave and Gertrude (Bilstein) Schendel

Postulancy:

September 3, 1923

Novitiate:

August 12, 1924

First Profession:

August 12, 1926

Final Profession:

August 12, 1929

Died:

Thursday, September 11, 1986 at
St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet



Ministry:

1926 - 1928 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Grades 2 & 6
1928 - 1932 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grades 2, 3 and 4
1932 - 1934 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1934 - 1935 Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, Grade 8 and History and Algebra in High School
1935 - 1936 St. Peter High School, Mansfield, OH, Latin, English, History
1936 - 1937 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, Grades 5 & 6
1937 - 1943 Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, Grades 5,6,7 & 8
1943 - 1948 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grades 4 & 5
1948 - 1951 St. Benedict's Catechetical Center, Ladd, IL, Organist, Superior, Religion in Public School, Grades 5,6,7 & 8
1951 - 1952 Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, Teacher, Upper Group
1952 - 1957 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and Organist
1957 - 1958 St. Joseph, Pesotum, IL, Grades 3, 4 and Organist
1958 - 1959 St. Francis Assisi, Red Cliff, WI, Superior & Principal Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8, Organist
1959 - 1961 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grades 5 & 6
1961 - 1965 Divine Savior, Chicago, IL, Grades 5 & 6
1965 - 1966 St. Edward, Ashland, OH, Grades 4-5
1966 - 1968 St. Jude, Cleveland, OH, Grade 5
1968 - 1969 St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL, Grades 5-6
1969 - 1970 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Receptionist
1970 - 1973 St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, IL, Grade 4
1973 - 1976 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Learning Center Resource
1976 - 1986 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutor

Wake: Monday, September 15, 1986 from 2 - 7 p.m. with prayer service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, September 15, 1986 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Tuesday, September 16, 1986 from OLA at 9 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by brother, George of Morton Grove