

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

August 11, 1985

Dear Sisters,

Almost as quietly and calmly as she had lived her earthly life these past few years, Sister Viola Schira slipped into eternal life at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 9th.

Born to Henry and Maria Schira on July 25, 1897, she was christened Elisabeth on that same day. Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin was home territory for Sister Viola and, up till the time when travel became too difficult for her, the annual trip to Wisconsin was her delight.

Sister Viola served as switchboard operator and information clerk at St. Francis Academy, the College of St. Francis, and the Motherhouse for a good portion of her active years, and many of us remember her in those roles.

Although Sister had been in failing health for some years, her death on Friday came suddenly since there were no obvious signs of distress and she was already up and seated in her easy chair when it became obvious that she might be in crisis.

We extend our sympathy to her niece, Joyce, her nephew, Bud, and to her other relatives and friends.

Reflecting on the words of the reading from today's liturgy, we give thanks for Sister Viola's presence among us and rejoice that she has now "put on that new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth."

(Ephesians 4:24)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Governing Board



Sister M. Viola Schira (Elisabeth) 599



Born: July 25, 1897
Parents: Henry and Maria (Jelinek) Schira
Postulancy: February 3, 1916
Novitiate: August 12, 1916
1st Profession: August 12, 1918
Final Profession: August 12, 1921
Died: Friday, August 9, 1985 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home

Ministry:

1918 - St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
1918 - 1919 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL, Domestic Work
1919 - 1920 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1920 - 1921 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1921 - 1922 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1922 - 1923 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1923 - 1924 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Sacristan
1924 - 1925 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1925 - 1926 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Convalescing
1926 - 1928 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Switchboard Operator
1928 - 1929 Assisi Junior College, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
1929 - 1930 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Portress
1930 - 1931 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Sacristan
1931 - 1937 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Switchboard Operator
1937 - 1938 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Switchboard Operator
1938 - 1940 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Switchboard Operator
1940 - 1946 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Convalescing
1946 - 1949 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Switchboard Operator
1949 - 1950 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL
1950 - 1956 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
1956 - 1961 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Information Clerk
1961 - 1962 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
1962 - 1963 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, General Help
1963 - 1966 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, General Help
1966 - 1967 St. Rita of Cascia, Aurora, IL, General Help
1967 - 1985 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Sunday, August 11, 1985 from 2:00 - 7:30 p.m. with prayer service at 3:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, August 11, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.

Burial: Monday, August 12, 1985 at 9:00 a.m. with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL.