

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

St. Francis Convent
Joliet, Illinois

October 4, 1970

Dear Sisters,

Sister Mary Maurilla Sefer, O.S.F., died at 9:20 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 1970, in St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet, Illinois.

With her at the time of her death were Sister Mary Christian Gilgen, O.S.F., and Sister Maurilla's immediate family: Mrs. Catherine Yuran, her sister; Mr. Mark Yuran, her nephew; Mrs. Catherine Spishak, her niece.

Sister Maurilla is also survived by two other nephews and a niece: Mr. Peter Yuran, Mr. Stephen Yuran, and Mrs. Agnes Podalka. Sister's relatives live in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Sister Mary Honorata Haky, O.S.F., is Sister Maurilla's first cousin. Sister M. Melanta Haky, O.S.F., of the Milwaukee Franciscans, is also a first cousin.

Sister Maurilla was born in Shamokin, Pennsylvania on September 7, 1889. She entered our Congregation in 1910 and made her first vows in 1912.

Sister Maurilla gave 53 years to the apostolate of teaching in the primary grades. Of these 53 years, 43 were given in service to the people of St. Stephen Parish, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Sister also taught in the primary grades in St. Stephen Parish, Streator, Illinois, for nine years. In her early years of teaching Sister served for one year in St. Joseph Parish, Joliet, Illinois.

Sister retired in 1966, spent some time at the Motherhouse and at St. Rita, Aurora, and went to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in 1967.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 5, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport, Illinois.

Sister Maurilla influenced numerous children in the early formative years of their education. Let us rejoice with her as she enters into the joy of the Lord after a life of service.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

