

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,*

*life is not ended, but merely changed.*

June 4, 1981

Dear Sisters,

Sister M. Alfred Sharron died on June 3 at 1:10 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. In 1917 Sister M. Aloysia described Sister in this way. "She has a vocation. She is very quiet and settled, faithful in the work assigned to her." At age 84 and in the 65th year of her religious life this description still rings true. A contemporary, Sister Margaret Guider, writes of her:

Heaven rejoices and the earth is glad for a gentle woman, a woman of compassion and prayer, has been blessed to die as she lived--quietly and humbly--trusting in her Lord and in those she loved.

Sister Alfred embraced her Lord tenderly, giving and receiving freely. Knowing well the consequences of the Journey, she held fast to the Dream. In strength and in weakness she cherished the memories of all that was human and holy. She did not hesitate to speak of that which the Lord had done in her life. For this reason she shared with all who would listen to the stories of happiness and sadness, of joy and fear and of life and death.

Inspired by the Gospel and by a little man named Francis, she carried the name Alfred in memory of a woman of vision. In the name of the Lord and for the love of the Congregation she blessed us--young and old alike--praying that we remain faithful and free to 'act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God.'

May we remember Sister Alfred, who in her humble way, helped to make the history of her people through the words of a famous Native American Luther Standing Bear. 'For it is the mothers, not the warriors, who create a people and guide their destiny.'

Born on September 8, 1897 to Joseph and Genevieve Dandeneau, Georgiana Sharron was baptized three days later at Sacred Heart Church in Munising, Michigan. In 1915 she traveled to Joliet to continue her life's journey with the Sisters of St. Francis.

On this journey Sister Alfred ministered to many, in particular children in the elementary grades. She served the people at St. Stephen, Johnstown; St. Peter, Mansfield; St. Raymond and St. John the Baptist, Joliet; St. Joseph, Pesotom and St. Joseph, Elgin. However, it was at Holy Family and St. Francis in Bayfield and at St. Joseph in Freeport that she spent a significant part of her life's journey.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday evening, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at OLA. There will be a prayer service at 3:30 p.m. on June 5. The burial will be Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport, Illinois.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
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