

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

August 13, 1978

Dear Sisters,

From eight o'clock in the morning of August 11 until her death at 11:45 a.m. the next day, Sister Adelinda Stuhldreher struggled with the angel of death. Many times during those intervening hours she seemed to be passing away, but each time she rallied until her strength finally failed completely. She went to meet her Lord on August 12, 1978, at Our Lady of Angels on the anniversary of her entrance into the Novitiate 62 years previously.

Sister Adelinda was born on June 10, 1898, in Mansfield, Ohio, the daughter of George and Charlotte (Berno) Stuhldreher. She was one of several children and early in life determined to dedicate her years to the Lord in the religious state. She entered the postulancy on November 8, 1915, the Novitiate on August 12, 1916. She made her first vows on August 12, 1918, and her final profession on August 12, 1921. Just this past June Sister Adelinda celebrated her Diamond Jubilee with eleven of her classmates.

All of her years as a Sister of St. Francis Sister Adelinda devoted to the ministry of teaching. Her first mission as a second-year novice was to St. Pascal's where she taught the third and fourth graders. She spent thirty-two years teaching grade school at St. John's, Joliet; St. Pascal's, St. Clement's, and Sacred Heart, Chicago; and St. Rita's, Aurora, her final teaching assignment. Her eighteen years in high school were spent ministering to the language needs of the students at St. Mary's, Columbus; St. Francis Academy, Joliet; St. Clement's and SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago. In her fifty years in the classroom, Sister Adelinda has certainly influenced the lives of many young men and women. She retired from an active ministry at St. Mary's, Des Plaines, in 1967, and then came to Our Lady of Angels in 1968 where she has been in residence until her death yesterday. During the past seven or eight years, she has been a semi-invalid in the infirmary.

Sister Adelinda is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Mary Everdam of Medina, Ohio, and Ms. Dorothy Stuhldreher of Cleveland, Ohio; one brother, Clarence, of Mansfield, Ohio, and several nieces and nephews. To these her relatives, and to all who knew and loved Sister Adelinda in life, we offer our sincerest sympathy.

The wake for Sister Adelinda will be from 2-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels on Monday, August 14. A prayer service will be held at 3:30 p.m., and the Liturgy of the Resurrection will be offered by Rev. James Healy at 7:30 p.m. on August 14. The burial will be on Wednesday morning, August 16, at 9:30 a.m. starting from the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

THE GOVERNING BOARD

