

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

January 9, 1985

Dear Sisters,

With that same dignity with which she had lived her earthly life, Sister Engratia slipped peacefully and calmly to her eternal life at 6:30 p.m. on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th.

Ann Ursich grew up in the Joliet community, a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Parish. Born on February 24, 1900, she would have celebrated her 85th birthday in just a few weeks.

St. Joseph's school and parish in Joliet were certainly much more than the scenes of many pleasant youthful memories for Sister Engratia, as she spent an additional 23 years of ministerial life there, teaching in the primary grades and doing the church work she always considered such a vital part of her service. Many recall the pride she took in arranging and decorating the altars during her many festive seasons there.

Sister Engratia was a warm and loving woman, grounded in a very deep and personal faith. In a recent visit she asked prayerful support that she would be "faithful to the end." Those of us who spent time with Sister Engratia during her last days are confident of that fidelity, firm and unshaken. Her dying moments were as gracious as those she shared with us during her more active days.

Sister Engratia reached out to many people and, as a result, the list of friends and of people who cared deeply for her is a long one.

A real specialist in handiwork, her crocheted infant sets were known and much sought after. As she felt her strength wanning over the months, she was alert to opportunities to train and teach others the art, so that the tradition might be carried on.

We offer our sympathy to her sisters, Angela and Mary, and to the other family members, as well as to her many friends and loved ones. We celebrate with gratitude the many ways in which Sister Engratia touched our living and our being. May the Lord of Life give her the joy and peace of His Presence forever.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Governing Board



SISTER M. ENGRATIA URSICH (ANNA) 593



Born: February 24, 1900
Parents: Michael and Amelia (Birsa) Ursich

Postulancy: January 31, 1921
Novitiate: August 12, 1921
First Profession: August 12, 1923
Final Profession: August 12, 1926

Age: 84 years old; in religious life 63 years

Ministry:

1923 - 1924 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH Grade 3
1924 - 1925 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grade 3
1925 - 1948 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL Grades 2,3,4,5
1948 - 1957 SS Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL Grades 1 & 2
1957 - 1959 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Grades 1 & 2
1959 - 1964 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grade 3
1964 - 1965 St. Michael, Sigel, IL Grades 2-3
1965 - 1969 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH Grade 2
1969 - 1970 St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 2
1970 - 1971 St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, IL
1971 - 1975 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutoring Program
1975 - 1985 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL

Died: Sunday, January 6, 1985 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL.

Wake: Wednesday, January 9, 1985, 2 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Mass of Resurrection at 7:00 p.m. Prayer service at 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels

Burial: Procession will leave Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 10, 1985 for burial services and interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, Joliet.

Survived by two sisters, Mary Zeleznikar and Angela Setina, both of Joliet.

