

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

October 21, 1981

Dear Sisters,

For quite some time Sister Maria Carmel (Ladislava) Vadovic had been suffering the results of a stroke. Although she had been in such ill health, her departure from life to eternity came rather suddenly on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. Just two hours before her death she and Sister Celeste had been praying for her happy death. Their prayers were dramatically answered.

Sister Maria Carmel was born on July 14, 1897 in Bolerazi, Bohemia to Paul and Maria (Kristofic) Vadovic. She was baptized, confirmed and went to school in her home town of Bolerazi until her parents migrated to the United States in 1921. They settled in Sacred Heart Parish, Huron Street, Chicago, and it was from that parish that Sister Maria Carmel left for the postulancy on September 7, 1923. She entered the novitiate on August 12, 1924, made her first profession on August 13, 1926, and her final vows three years later.

During the forty-four years of her active ministry, Sister Maria Carmel served the needs of her Sisters through her cooking and baking. From numerous reports, she performed these tasks well. But her greatest joy was the other works of her hands--her needlework. She learned the art of embroidery in Bohemia and took great pride in the work she produced which was of the greatest professional quality. She seemed happiest when she was using her hands in producing such works of art, and was pleased when her work was appreciated by others. She used this great skill all her life, being forced to stop only in recent weeks because of her health.

In 1970 Sister Maria Carmel served a year of semi-retirement at St. Francis Academy, then did small services at the Motherhouse for the next four years. In 1975 she retired to Our Lady of Angels where she lived the last six years of her life in retirement.

Sister is mourned by all her Sisters in the Congregation as well as by her sister-in-law, Bernardina Vadovic, in Czechoslovakia. The wake service for Sister Maria Carmel will be held at Our Lady of Angels at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23 with the Mass of the Resurrection at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Manuel Loughran, CSV, will celebrate the liturgy. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery on Saturday, October 24, with the procession starting at 9:30 a.m. from Our Lady of Angels.

During her 57 years in religious life Sister Maria Carmel served her Lord and the needs of the Congregation well. May God now grant her the reward of her labors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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