

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

Dear Sisters and Associates,

August 25, 1985

Jubilate Deo! How appropriate that we initiate the Resurrection Liturgy of Sister Raphael Wand lifting our voices in praise and rejoicing to the Lord of life and love.

ALL FOR THE GREATER HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD was the motto of Sister Raphael's living and being, and the zest for life that was so much a part of who she was manifested itself to all whose lives she touched.

Most of her sixty-three years in the ministry of music were spent in Illinois schools and institutions. She began her career at St. John's in Joliet, remaining there fifteen years as organist and teacher. A short interval out-of-state involved five years spent at St. Peter's in Mansfield, Ohio, where she conducted the Glee Club and taught music. In recognition of thirty-two years of committed and enthusiastic service as professor of music, Sister Raphael was granted the honorary title "Professor Emeritus" by the College of St. Francis, where her name and reputation as chair of the department, directress of the Caecilian Schola and instructor of organ were synonymous with the professional in music.

During her years at the College, in response to a request of Father Gervase Brinkman, the then-chaplain at Stateville, Sister Raphael wrote her inspiring "Mass in Honor of Our Lady". Not many of us were aware that it was Father's request for a Mass for the men that was "very simple and almost syllabic--- not too high and not too low, and above all, short", that was the inspiration for Our Lady's Mass. We read in Father Gervase's later newsletter that the Mass was just what he had hoped for, and that the men learned the melodies in a single practice, with the help of a tape provided by Sister Raphael and the choir.

Directress of the Sisters' Choir at the Motherhouse is the role in which many of us best remember Sister Raphael. How many were our lessons on the proper stresses for arsis and thesis. To this very day, a search of the area for singers for any special occasion almost always results in a fine choir that provides an impressive performance. Many are the sisters who credit Sister Raphael's training for this special ability to be performance-ready at a moment's notice.

Sister Raphael was a warm, fun-loving person who enjoyed every moment of her long life. She proved a friend to countless persons, and will be remembered by all for her life of service, her amiability, understanding and loyalty, and for her love of God and of all His creatures.

To all who grieve at this time of loss, we offer our sympathy and prayer, especially Sister Raphael's sisters, Margaret, Leona, Dolly, Philomena and her sister-in-law, Rose. We remember, too, her cousins, Sisters Clare Wand, Vivian Hoebing, Father Philibert and her numerous other family members, as well as all who called her friend.

Sister Raphael heeded the advice of the author of this evening's Gospel passage--- she "set her heart on the Kingdom". Now she is united to the Source of her joy. May she rest in the peace and joy of His Presence.

Sincerely,

THE GOVERNING BOARD



Sister M. Raphael Wand (Elfrieda) 600

Born: January 27, 1899
Parents: Simon and Emma (Schneider) Wand
Postulancy: November 6, 1919
Novitiate: August 12, 1920
1st Profession: August 12, 1922
Final Profession: August 12, 1925
Died: ⁷⁰⁰ Friday, August 23, 1985 at 1:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home.



Ministry:

1922 - 1937 St. John's Joliet, IL Grades 2, 6, and 7
Organist, Children's Choir, Music Teacher
1937 - 1942 St. Peter Mansfield, OH, High School: Liturgical
Music, Theory of Music, Glee Club
Grade School: Liturgical/School Music in 7 - 8
1942 - 1962 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL Department of
Music
1944 - Organist at Motherhouse, Novitiate Choir
1947 - 1953 Chairperson of Fine Arts
1954 - 1959 Cecilian Choir
1959 - 1962 Schola Cantorum
1962 - 1968 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Superior; Schola
Director; Organ Lessons
1968 - 1976 Music Teacher at College of St. Francis, Motherhouse;
and Joliet Junior College
1976 - 1981 St. Francis Convent; Private Music Teacher
1981 - 1985 Our Lady of Angels, Private Music Teacher

Wake: Sunday, August 25, 1985 from 2 - 7 p.m. with prayer
Service at 3:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, August 25, 1985 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Monday, August 26, 1985 from OLA at 9 a.m. to
Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by sisters; Margaret, Leona, Dolly, Philomena, and sister-in-law
Rose, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, including Sister
Clare Wand, Sister Vivian Hoebing and Rev. Philibert Hoebing,
O.F.M.

