

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

St. Francis Convent
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Sisters,

March 19, 1972

Our Sister Methoda was privileged to have the special grace of being called to her eternal reward on the day Holy Mother Church celebrated the feast of St. Joseph. Sister passed away peacefully on the feast of the Patron of the dying, while her prayerbook was still open to the pages of his novena. Sister's illness was of short duration; she was taken to Our Lady of Angels from the Motherhouse only three weeks ago.

Sister Methoda was born on February 10, 1896, in Chicago, Illinois. Her parents were Joseph Balik and Anna Dusek, who emigrated from Bohemia and settled on the South side of Chicago, where they attended SS. Cyril & Methodius parish.

Sister Methoda entered our Congregation as Albina Balik on December 8, 1912, and received the Habit on August 12, 1913. Sister pronounced her first vows on August 12, 1915, and her final vows on August 12, 1919.

Sister's teaching apostolate began in 1914 at St. Ludmilla's in Chicago, where she taught the second grade. Sister was then appointed to teach at St. Procop, Cleveland, from 1915 to 1929, where she taught grades 2 to 7 -- several years each grade. In 1929, Sister remained in Cleveland, but went to Holy Family, where she continued with the 7th grade. In 1933, Sister went to her home parish -- SS Cyril & Methodius in Chicago, where she taught until 1939. In the Fall of 1939, Sister Methoda began her high school teaching career at St. Mary's in Columbus, with subsequent years at St. Procopius High School in Chicago, and St. Procop's High School in Cleveland. Religion, Latin, English, History, Algebra, Shorthand, Typewriting, and Clothing were the subjects taught by Sister during these 27 years from 1939 to 1965. In the Fall of 1965, Sister came to the Motherhouse to teach sewing to the postulants and to help the Sisters with their sewing whenever she was able. Sister remained at the Motherhouse until three weeks ago, when she became ill and was taken to Our Lady of Angels.

Sister Methoda is survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma Konecny of 5934 So. Spaulding Avenue in Chicago. Another sister, Mildred Balik, of the same address, preceded Sister in death. Sister Methoda has nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews, of whom she spoke often, and of whom she was very proud.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, and burial will take place in Resurrection Cemetery in Lockport.

We celebrate Sister's entrance into eternity as a very special favor from St. Joseph to whom Sister fervently prayed, "that never hath it been heard that anyone who implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided." May she rest in peace!

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

