

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

October 7, 1987

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Sister Constantia Corba was born on March 2, 1898, in Furguson, Pennsylvania, to Joseph and Anna Corba. Her family included three younger brothers and five younger sisters for whom she cared after her mother's death. Sister attended St. Stephen School in Johnstown and after caring for her family members for several years she entered the Sisters in Joliet, far from her home.

On August 12, 1916, Sister received the habit as a novice and her name, Sister Mary Constantia. Mother Vincent had chosen this name because she found Anna constant and persevering in her intention to be a Joliet Franciscan. St. Francis Day, this past Sunday, fittingly become her eternal birthday as she joined our 630 Sisters who preceded her.

Sister Constantia's ministry over the many years of her religious life was domestic work at several parishes in Illinois and at St. Denis, Benton, Missouri, where she ministered for twelve years. Sister took great pride in her work and was pleased that she could serve her Sisters by keeping them "happy and strong".

Sister always thought of her life as "full of blessings". One of the earliest and long lasting was her ability to read. This had not come easily for her. Only through the patience and loving attention of Sister Maura Blaha at St. Stephen's did Anna acquire this skill. During her retirement years she gratefully received many books from Sister Marietta and Sister Marian, her own special "librarians". Reading and praying were her special loves and she devoted a great part of each day to these as long as she was able.

One of the joys of Sister Constantia's senior years was her trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, with Sister Felix and other family members. Enjoying these wonders with great delight and then the pleasure of reminiscing with warm memory brought Sister many happy hours.

We extend our sympathy to Sister's four sisters: Margaret, Agnes, Marie and Bertha; her brother, Frank; her Joliet Franciscan family and especially her relatives Sisters Annella and Felix.

We are grateful for Sister's long life and loving dedication, and know that we who have shared her life have been blessed. May peace and joy be hers.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



SISTER M. CONSTANTIA CORBA (Anna)



Born: March 2, 1898
 Parents: Joseph and Anna (Tamas) Corba
 Postulancy: September 25, 1915
 Novitiate: August 12, 1916
 First Profession: August 12, 1918
 Final Profession: August 12, 1921
 Died: October 4, 1987 at 9:55 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels

Ministry:

1917 - 1918 St. John, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
 1918 - 1919 Sacred Heart, Huron St., Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1919 - 1920 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
 1920 - 1921 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1921 - 1922 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work
 1922 - 1923 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1923 - 1924 Sacred Heart, Huron St., Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1924 - 1927 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1927 - 1929 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL, Domestic Work
 1929 - 1930 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1930 - 1932 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1932 - 1933 St. Joseph, Pesotum, IL, Domestic Work
 1933 - 1946 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Domestic Work
 1946 - 1947 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Domestic Work
 1947 - 1948 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Domestic Work
 1948 - 1951 Assumption, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1951 - 1953 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, Domestic Work
 1953 - 1954 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1954 - 1966 St. Denis, Benton, MO, Domestic Work
 1966 - 1968 Sacred Heart, Huron St., Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
 1968 - 1969 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
 1969 - 1970 St. Matthew, Champaign, IL, Domestic Work
 1970 - 1972 Sacred Heart, Lillyville, IL, Domestic Work
 1972 - 1980 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Retired
 1980 - 1987 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Wednesday, October 7, 1987 from 2 - 7 p.m. with prayer service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, October 7, 1987 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, October 8, 1987 from Our Lady of Angels at 9 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL

Survived by: Four sisters: Margaret, Agnes, Marie and Bertha
 One brother: Frank
 Relatives in the Congregation: Sisters Felix and Annella