

For those who have been faithful, O Lord,

life is not ended, but merely changed.

June 30, 1984

Dear Sisters,

"Her heart is bigger than she is." These words were spoken independently by two different Sisters upon hearing of the death of Sister Myra Domenick. She had returned to Hinsdale Hospital just a few days previous to her death. Many of her close friends had called or visited her Friday evening, little realizing that this encounter would be their last. For this final visit they are eternally grateful as Sister Myra died Saturday morning at 4:10 a.m.

Sister Myra was baptized Mary Josephine by her Italian immigrant parents, the youngest member of her family which included two girls and five boys. Her sister, Lucy, the second oldest child, was so grateful that another girl was born into the family. Lucy was 14 when her sister was born and, therefore, was entrusted with some of the responsibilities of caring for the new baby. At age 15 Mary Josephine left her family, entered the Sisters of St. Francis, and served in the ministries of education and pastoral ministry for forty-seven years.

Sister Myra has always been recognized as an excellent educator, both as teacher and administrator. She was organized in her work, had the ability to "get the job done," was a competent disciplinarian, and appreciative of cleanliness and order in her classroom/school. Being a people-person, she was an immediate success at her most recent service of pastoral minister to the elderly at St. Philip the Apostle Parish. These elderly persons are going to experience a real loss in their lives without Sister Myra's loving interest and attention to them.

It is not Sister Myra's ministerial qualities, though, that are of prime interest, top-quality though they were. The quality of love distinguished her in the minds of her friends. She was much loved because she loved others. She had the unique ability to bring happiness into their lives. She was sensitive to the needs she observed, extending to all the time to listen and be attentive to their concerns. Her friends cherish her loyalty to them, and their number is numerous.

One quality that so many remember as they reminisce about Sister Myra is her love of celebrations. She was a forerunner of "Community days" with her invitations to the Sisters in the area at Lilac time in Lombard. All holidays served as important occasions for festivities in her convents. She would involve some of the Sisters with whom she lived in making decorations, artistic gifts, and surprises for the others. Any excuse was an adequate occasion for a party. She enjoyed the merriment, and her joy proved contagious as she enspirited the Sisters on festive occasions.

She will be missed--in her family, in the Congregation, and in the communities she has served during her many years of ministry. We offer our sympathy to her sister, Lucy, her brother, Louis, and her many nieces, nephews and cousins. Her rejoicing on earth was but a shadow of the joy she now experiences in Heaven.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

THE GOVERNING BOARD



SISTER M. MYRA DOMENICK (MARY)

Born: December 22, 1919, in Hubbard Woods, IL
 Parents: Joseph and Mary (De Angelus) Domenick

Postulancy: September 8, 1935
 Novitiate: August 12, 1936
 First Profession: August 12, 1938
 Final Profession: August 12, 1941

Age: 64 years old, in religious life 47 years

**Ministry:**

1938-47 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grades 2, 3
 1947-57 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 1957-63 St. Pius X, Lombard, IL, Principal, Grade 8, Superior
 1963-75 Divine Savior, Norridge, IL, Principal (and Superior
 1963-70)
 1975-79 St. Anne, Barrington, IL, Grades 4, 5, 6 (1975-77)
 Director of Reading Center (1977-79)

1979-Feb. '80 FranCenter, Westmont, IL, Adult Education
 Feb. '80-1984 St. Philip the Apostle, Addison, IL, Pastoral Ministry
 (School Aide Feb. - June, 1980)

Died: Saturday, June 30, 1984, at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL

Wake: Sunday, July 1, 4-8 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church,
 Addison; with a Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Monday, July 2.

Monday, July 2, 2-7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement
 Home, Joliet, with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m. and the
 Mass of Resurrection at 7 p.m.

Burial Services: Procession will leave Our Lady of Angels at 9 a.m. Tuesday,
 July 3, for burial services and interment at Resurrection
 Cemetery, Lockport.