

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

St. Francis Convent  
Joliet, Illinois

January 25, 1972

Dear Sisters,

Our Sister Mary Eileen Gleason breathed her last at 7:20 p.m. today, January 25, 1972.

Sister Eileen was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on December 13, 1889 to Timothy Gleason of Pennsylvania, and Bridget Sweeney of Canada. Later, the family moved to 1708 16th Street, Superior, Wisconsin and attended St. Francis Xavier Church there.

Sister Eileen entered our Congregation on December 31, 1915, and received the Habit on August 12, 1916. Sister pronounced her First Vows on August 12, 1918, and her Final Vows on August 12, 1921.

Sister was a music teacher throughout her religious life, beginning her apostolate at St. Francis Academy in 1918, where she spent thirteen years of her life. Thirteen additional years were devoted to our Chicago missions, and twenty-two years to our missions in Ohio -- namely, St. Mary's, Columbus, and St. Peter's, Mansfield. Sister Eileen went to Our Lady of Angels in 1966.

Sister Eileen is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ella Bridges of Superior, Wisconsin, one sister-in-law, Mrs. Matthew Gleason, also of Superior, and a niece, Mrs. Henry Smith, of Hayward, Wisconsin. To these dear ones of Sister Eileen we extend our heartfelt sympathy, but at the same time, our great joy that another member of the family has entered the household of the Lord.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for our Sister Eileen on Friday, January 28, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. Burial will take place in Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

May we be mindful of the mystery of death-resurrection in our own lives as we remember Sister Eileen in our prayers during this beautiful liturgy.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

