

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

St. Francis Convent
Joliet, Illinois

November 4, 1971

Dear Sisters,

Sister Honorata Haky died on November 2, the beautiful feast of All Souls. Her life's pilgrimage ended in the ambulance on the way to St. Joseph's Hospital. Her entrance into the world beyond time was accompanied by the prayers of all of you who remembered on November 2 "all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who sleep in Christ".

Sister has been suffering for several years from a heart condition. It was a great joy for her, the past two summers, to be able to return to Johnstown to visit her sisters Mary Haky and Mrs. Victoria McMillen. Her brother, Mr. John Haky, who because of his own illness could not visit her in Joliet, preceded her in death by ten months.

Sister Honorata was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on January 21, 1897. She entered our Congregation in 1913 and pronounced her first vows in 1916.

From 1915 to 1964 Sister Honorata served God and His children in the apostolate of education as a full-time teacher in the elementary schools of our Congregation. SS. Cyril and Methodius, Sacred Heart and St. Francis in Chicago; St. Stephen in Johnstown and St. Stephen in Streator were the scene of her work in the Lord's vineyard for the greater part of her life. Her last years of teaching on a part-time basis were at St. Rita's, Aurora. Before she came to Our Lady of Angels in 1969 she spent one year in semi-retirement at St. Rita's. Her two years at Our Lady of Angels were marked by the apostolate of suffering, patience, and acceptance of God's will for her.

The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 4. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Sister Honorata's life of faithful service is a striking witness of Christ the Teacher. She received children into her heart for 53 years, children from all age levels in elementary education. Her reward now is the promised one of "shining as a star for all eternity".

We celebrate her life and death as a gift and a blessing. We look upon her death on November 2 as a special reminder to remember her and all our beloved dead in this month dedicated to the souls in purgatory.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

