

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

October 12, 1976

Dear Sisters,

Last evening, Monday, October 11, 1976, death came to our beloved Sister M. Candida Heintz. No one could foresee that this would likely be Sister's last day; she attended all activities as usual, including the morning's Mass and all three meals. Her final illness came suddenly upon her in the early evening, however; and, after receiving the Last Anointing from the hands of Rev. Casey Lutomski, chaplain of Our Lady of Angels, she died at about 10 o'clock. Sister Candida was in the 76th year of her life and the 56th year of religious life.

St. Paul in the Epistle read yesterday called the Christians "children of promise," born free because of Jesus, the first to be "born according to the Spirit." (Gal. 4:28-29) Sister Candida was such a "child of promise." Born on March 7, 1901, of Louis F. Heintz and Mary De Marchi Heintz, she was baptized "Ethel" in St. Clement Church, Chicago. She was almost 20 when she entered the Postulancy of our Congregation on February 1, 1921, and six months later she was admitted to the Novitiate. In 1923, she pronounced her First Vows; in 1926, she made her Perpetual Profession. The picture taken of her on the day of her Golden Jubilee in 1973 gives witness to the joy she experienced in her religious vocation.

Books were her life, and those of us who knew her well long recognized her fascination with and reverence for the written word. Her active ministry began in 1923 at St. Francis Academy, Joliet, and extended for almost 50 years, during which time she was missioned also at St. Mary's, Columbus; St. Peter's, Mansfield; Sacred Heart, Englewood; the College of St. Francis, Joliet; and her home parish, St. Clement's, Chicago. Although she served as principal and superior for a few years, for the most part, her life was spent in the classroom and library. Even when she went to Our Lady of Angels in 1967, she did not retire but served as the librarian until 1972. After that, although confined to a wheelchair and unable to work in the library, she continued to share books and periodicals through the mail with many who appreciated her services.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1976, at 7:30 p.m., the Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated in the chapel of Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home by Rev. Andrew Bialas, of Joliet, who served on the staff of the College of St. Francis during Sister Candida's years there. The following morning, October 14, at 10 o'clock, Sister Candida's grade-school classmate and lifelong friend, Rev. Alexander Thane, of Barrington, Illinois, will preside over the burial services at Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.

We, her sisters who have lived with her and loved her, extend our deep sympathy to Robert J. Heintz, her brother; to Mrs. Rose Heintz, her sister-in-law; and to her nieces and nephews. We ask God to comfort them with the realization that this "child of promise" now will receive the Inheritance awaiting her.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Governing Board

