

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

November 16, 1983

Dear Sisters,

Sister Emma Hruska had been in frail health for the past several years. In spite of her increasing weakness, she seemed to cling tenaciously to life. She was able to exist because of the loving care she received at Our Lady of Angels. But eventually her strength decreased to the point where she struggled between life and death during the night of November 14 and on into the morning of the next day. On the 15th she succumbed to that last struggle and went to heaven.

Born in Bohemia, Sister Emma was named Mary by her parents. She was born on May 8, 1899, and baptized the following day. She and her family moved to Chicago, settling in the vicinity of St. Procopius where she came in contact with the Sisters of St. Francis. The germ of her vocation grew to fruition by her contact with the Sisters at St. Procopius. On December 8, 1920 she entered the postulancy, and lived as a Joliet Franciscan a few months beyond her Diamond Jubilee (June 26, 1983).

During her long life as a woman religious, Sister Emma served the needs of children in the elementary grades. For fifty-five years she taught the youngsters from grades two to seven in six different Congregation schools. For five years she ministered at Guardian Angel Home, taking care of the clothing of the children in the Home. She was an excellent seamstress and loved this type of work as well as teaching.

Sister Emma was always a gracious person, quiet, but conscientious in the exercise of her duties. She was always willing to do the services required of her and approached each person with a smiling countenance. Being uprooted from her native country, and outliving her whole family, no doubt brought much suffering into her life. But this pain deepened her understanding of the suffering of others, allowing her to touch them with gentleness and patience.

Sister Emma is experiencing a homecoming in heaven as she greets not only the Lord whom she served so well for sixty years, but all the members of her family. Her Franciscan family on earth will miss her, but we rejoice in her entrance into the happiness of heaven.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

THE GOVERNING BOARD



## SISTER M. EMMA HRUSKA, OSF (MARY)

Born: May 8, 1899; Bohemia  
 Parents: Anton and Katharina (Vacra) Hruska

Postulancy: December 8, 1920  
 Novitiate: August 12, 1921  
 First Profession: August 12, 1923  
 Final Profession: August 12, 1926  
 Diamond Jubilee: June, 1983



## Ministry:

1923-24 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grade 2  
 1924-30 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grade 2  
 1930-51 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
 1951-57 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grades 4, 5  
 1957-58 St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL, Grades 4, 5  
 1958-63 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Seamstress  
 1963-74 St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, Grades 2, 3  
 1973-74: Semi-retired  
 1974-83 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Died: Tuesday, November 15, 1983, 6:35 a.m. at Our  
 Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet  
 Wake: Friday, November 18, 2-7 p.m., Our Lady of Angels  
 Prayer Service: Friday, November 18, 3:30 p.m.  
 Mass of Resurrection: Friday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.  
 Burial Services: Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. from Our Lady of  
 Angels to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.