

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

Dear Sisters and Associates,

In the evening hours of Thursday, November 5, Sister Basilissa King was called home to that presence of the Lord, whom she had served so faithfully for seventy six years as a Joliet Franciscan.

Winifred King was born in Sheffield, Illinois, but grew up in the Joliet area. She entered the Congregation in 1911 and, in 1914, began her long career as teacher and principal in Congregation schools in Illinois and Ohio.

Sister Basilissa was known as a fine teacher and a competent educator and spent fifty one years in the field, both as teacher and administrator. In 1966, she moved to Our Lady of Angels where she continued to tutor students who needed extra help with their algebra and goemetry.

For the last dozen years or so, Sister Basilissa was a familiar sight in the corridors of Our Lady of Angels. The fact that she was confined to a wheel chair was no obstacle to her mobility as she was either pushed by her good friend, Sister James, or wheeled herself to a variety of destinations. Alert to her last days, Sister had her own subscription to the daily paper and relished every opportunity to catch up on the news, both local and global, and to share those updates with others. It was just about a week ago that she must have felt her strength waning, as she asked the evening shift aids for a favor --- she wanted to be dressed so that, like Francis, she could die "clothed in the habit".

Among those who will feel most keenly the loss of Sister Basilissa are her cousins, Mary Alice Hammel, Eleanore McLaughlin and the Rev. Leo Coggins, who have shared such a special part of her life here at Our Lady of Angels for so many years.

We thank God for those special moments of the journey that Sister Basilissa has walked so faithfully among us for these many years. May eternal life and peace be hers.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



SISTER M. BASILISSA KING

Born: November 29, 1895
Parents: John and Bridget (Coggins) King
Postulancy: December 24, 1911
Novitiate: August 12, 1912
First Profession: August 12, 1914
Final Profession: August 12, 1919
Died: Thursday, November 5, 1987, at 9:15 p.m.
 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home

**Ministry:**

-1914	St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grades 2,3
1914-1915	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grades 4,5
1915-1916	St. Patrick, Galion, OH, Grades 5,6,7,8 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grades 6,7
1916-1918	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 7
1918-1920	St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grades 5,6,7
1920-1931	St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Grades 7, 8 High School: English, Latin, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies
1931-1937	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Principal
1937-1943	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Principal and High School Teacher
1943-1944	St. Clement High School, Chicago, IL, Science, Mathematics
1944-1951	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Principal and High School Teacher
1951-1957	SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Principal
1957-1958	Immaculate Conception, Kankakee, IL, St. Patrick High School Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Bookkeeper
1958-1959	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, High School Algebra, Geometry, Religion, Mathematics
1959-1962	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade School Principal
1962-1966	St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Algebra
1966-1973	Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Tutoring
1973-1987	Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Monday, November 9, 1987 from 2-7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, November 9, 1987 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Tuesday, November 10, 1987 from OLA at 9 a.m.
to Resurrection Cemetery