

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

December 28, 1984

Dear Sisters,

In the early afternoon hours of December 27th, Sister Leonore was called home to that special presence of the Lord, whom she had served so faithfully for 73 years as a Joliet Franciscan. At 95, she was our oldest living member and took great pride in that fact.

Johanna Kongorski grew up on the north side of Chicago, a member of St. Boniface Parish. She entered the Congregation in 1910 and, in 1912, began her long career as teacher and principal in Congregation schools in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Many who knew her well felt that it was more than a coincidence that Sister Leonore's death come at the very hour when classes would have been dismissing, since it was well-known at OLA that she had spent many hours during these last few weeks, both day and night, teaching those classes she loved so well.

Sister Leonore was known as a fine educator and spent 54 years both as teacher and as administrator. She was organized in her work and had the ability to "get things done." Though she had a reputation for strictness, everyone seems to agree that she never asked of anyone else what she herself was not first willing to give or to do.

We extend our sympathy to Sister Leonore's nephews and nieces and to her good friend, Sister Bernice, who spent many hours at her side, and who was always considered family. We are grateful for Sister's long and loving life of dedication to the Lord and to His people. May eternal life and peace be hers!

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



SISTER M. LEONORE KONGORSKI (JOHANNA) 592

Born: July 10, 1889
Parents: Frank and Rosa (Kowalski) Kongorski
Postulancy: December 29, 1910
Novitiate: August 12, 1911
First Profession: August 12, 1913
Final Profession: August 12, 1919
Age: 95 years, in religious life 73 years



Ministry:

1912 - 1915 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grades 2,3,5
1915 - 1916 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 3
1916 - 1924 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL, Grades 3,4,5,6
1924 - 1925 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 5
1925 - 1926 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grades 5,6
1926 - 1928 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1928 - 1937 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grades 4,6,7,8, Principal
1937 - 1939 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Grades 7,8, Principal
1939 - 1944 St. Louis, Custar, OH, Grades 5,6,7,8, Principal
1944 - 1945 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Grade 8
1945 - 1946 St. Mary Columbus, OH, Grade 8, Principal
1946 - 1949 St. Joseph, Pesotum, IL, Grades 5,6,7,8, Principal
1949 - 1950 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Grades 3,4,5
1950 - 1956 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL, Grade 8, Principal
1956 - 1960 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grade 8
1960 - 1963 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 6
1963 - 1966 St. Paul, Joliet, IL, Grade 4
1966 - 1972 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutoring, General Asst.
1972 - 1984 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL

Died: Thursday, December 27, 1984, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL.

Wake: Friday, December 28, 1984, 2 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Mass of Resurrection at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 1984 at Our Lady of Angels. Prayer Service on Saturday, December 29, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels

Burial: Procession will leave Our Lady of Angels after the prayer service on Saturday, December 29, 1984 for burial services and interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.