

SISTER MARIE KORETKE

451. FEBRUARY 8, 1969

Sister Marie, formerly Ruth Koretke of Naperville, IL, died at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, on February 8, 1969 at 4:55 a.m. in her 48th year and the 31st of her religious life. Due to the suddenness of Sister Marie's death an autopsy was performed. The findings revealed that she died of bronchopneumonia, bilateral, severe, with extensive pulmonary edema. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Angels Chapel on February 11 at 10 a.m. with Msgr. Frederick Stenger of Naperville officiating. Burial was made in Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL.

Ruth Koretke was born to Charles and Anna Young on September 21, 1921 in Naperville, IL. She entered the postulancy on September 6, 1937. She began her Novitiate on August 2, 1938, as Sister Marie. First Vows were professed on August 12, 1940, and Final Vows on August 12, 1943. These Sisters professed during the Diamond Jubilee of the Congregation were photographed by Sister Marie's father, Charles, a professional photographer who gave his services gratis. The most memorable photo pictures a large group of Sisters in front of the Motherhouse.

Sister Marie's Mission Record included:

1940-41	St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL	Resident
	Student at College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL	
1941-43	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Grade 2
1943-46	St. Raymond, Joliet, IL	2
1946-48	St. Clement, Chicago, IL	3
1948-49	St. Francis de Sales, Toledo, OH	2
1949-50	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH	3
1950-51	St. Procop, Cleveland, OH	3
1951-53	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH	5
1953-54	St. Edward, Ashland, OH	3,4
1954-58	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH	5,6
1958-59	St. Peter Elementary, Mansfield, OH	Principal/Gr.8
1959-64	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH	8
	Prinicpal and Superior until March 11, 1964	
1964-66	St. Ann, Lansing, IL	8
1966-69	St. John, Joliet, IL	8

Sister Marie earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of St. Francis in 1949 with a major in Art. She also received a Master of Education degree from De Paul University, Chicago, IL, in 1966. During many summers Sister Marie taught Art classes at the College of St. Francis. Many teachers learned calligraphy under her guidance.

Sister Ildephonse Young survives her niece, Sr. Marie. A priest brother, Charles, died in an airplane accident at the age of 47. Two brothers and five sisters are living.