

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

July 26, 1983

Dear Sisters,

In just two weeks Sister Francita Mock would have celebrated her 78th birthday. The Lord Jesus came to claim her on Tuesday, July 26, at 4:45 a.m. That birthday on August 7 will now be one of great celebrity in Heaven.

Sister Francita was born to Joseph and Mary Mock here in Joliet and was baptized the same day, August 7, 1905, at St. John's Church. Twenty-two years later she entered the Congregation to serve the Lord, to be His little one. Perhaps that is the reason for her name in religion, Francita, the diminutive meaning "little Francis." Certainly her life bore testimony to her great spirit of simplicity, the great Franciscan virtue.

During all her active years of ministry, Sister Francita served the educational needs of middle and junior-high students, teaching thirty-eight years in the elementary schools of the Congregation. She enjoyed her work in the classroom and was well prepared for her educational tasks. She graduated from the College of St. Francis in 1948 with a baccalaureate degree in history. In 1958 she received her certificate from CSF's Seraphic Institute of Theology. She was considered a fine teacher and a good disciplinarian.

Since 1968 Sister Francita's life has been one of suffering and prayer. In that year she retired to Our Lady of Angels and has been in poor health over this long span of time. During the past three years she suffered from cancer, but remained trust-filled and loving in her relationship with God, regardless of her pain. Hers was a simple and unsophisticated spirituality, but a very deep and loving one. Even the night before her death she prayed with her visitors--her two sisters, Marie and Louise, and the residents of OLA who came to visit and pray with her. She was alert during those hours, responding to the conversation around her, and appreciative of the presence of those near and dear to her. She was evidence of the words of the Gospel: You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

Her death leaves a void in the lives of her sisters, Marie and Louise, her nephews and friends, the residents of Our Lady of Angels. To her family and friends we offer our sincere sympathy. We ask the "little Francis" to intercede for us with her patron, and ours, as she greets him in our heavenly home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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SISTER M. FRANCITA MOCK (LORETTA) 574

Parents: Joseph and Mary (Petre) Mock
Born: August 7, 1905, in Joliet, IL

Postulancy: September 5, 1927
Novitiate: August 12, 1928
First Profession: August 12, 1930
Final Profession: August 12, 1933
Golden Jubilee: June, 1980



Age: 77 years old; in religious life 55 years

Ministry:

1930-32	St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grades 3, 4, 7
1932-40	Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL, Grades 3, 4, 5, 7
1940-42	St. Michael, Sigel, IL, Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
1942-47	St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grades 7, 8
1947-50	St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 7
1950-53	SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1953-54	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, Ohio, Grade 5
1954-55	St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grades 7, 8
1955-60	SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 7
1960-61	SS. Cyril and Methodius, Chicago, IL, Clerical aid in school office
1961-68	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Grade 5
1968-83	Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Died: Tuesday, July 26, 1983, at 4:45 a.m. at Our
Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Wednesday, July 27, 1983, 2 to 7 p.m. at Our
Lady of Angels

Prayer Service: Wednesday, July 27, 1983, 3:30 p.m.

Liturgy: Wednesday, July 27, 1983, 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, July 28, 1983, 9:30 a.m. from Our
Lady of Angels to Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport,
IL