

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

Catherine Barbara Moorer entered the Sisters of St. Francis from Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods. Her pastor, Father Haarth, wrote a brief and meaningful letter of recommendation: "It is with great pleasure that I recommend Miss Catherine Moorer. I have known her since infancy and have only good to record."

Sisters who have known Sister Georgette through the years also have "good to record." She was known to be generous, thoughtful, quiet, prayerful, helpful, and conscientious, - a person who would do anything to help someone. As she experienced the difficulties of life, she also experienced its joys. She expressed, with fondness, her love for the children whom she taught in the lower grades throughout the years. In addition to being a fine teacher, Sister Georgette's other talents included an ability to use tools and to repair things that were broken. She also had the distinction of being one of the first drivers in the community!

Sister Georgette was a woman of few words but her closeness to people who shared experiences with her was evident. Sister Beatrice Schiller, who came from the same parish, recalls that Sister Georgette would just come to her room and sit for awhile, even without conversation. The diamond jubilee class of 1987 feels her loss, as she is the first to die after their jubilee. Sister Georgette and her relatives had a fondness for each other. She felt especially close to her surviving sister-in-law, Gert. The people she worked with were also close to Sister Georgette. For example, Sister Mary Tikva worked with her at the Motherhouse for many years and Mary speaks of Sister Georgette's thoughtfulness, generosity and faithfulness. One person who was very special to Sister Georgette was our deceased Sister Hermenegild Moss: they worked together in the Lillyville Public School and lived together for 26 years.

Many Sisters picture Sister Georgette in her later years when she ministered to us as the receptionist at the Motherhouse. In writing about this she expressed a liking for this ministry when she said, "I believe that my present service of Receptionist... is a good service for me because I feel that I am serving the Community to the best of my ability and serving the Sisters with whom I live." Even after she retired, she continued to pass the mail at the Motherhouse and she enjoyed giving this service to the Sisters.

After a struggle with poor circulation the doctors had hopes that a leg amputation would give additional quality time to Sr. Georgette's life. During the nine days after her surgery she was quite uncomfortable, not well enough to talk about the amputation, but she was alert enough to recognize her visitors, to hear the greetings of her Franciscan Sisters and relatives, and even to pray her favorite prayer, the Memorare.

The residents at Our Lady of Angels where Sr. Georgette had lived for the last year of her life received word that Sr. Georgette was dying as their Sunday Mass was beginning. At the same time at St. Joseph's Medical Center three Joliet Franciscans prayed the Memorare with her. Sr. Georgette then died very quietly and quickly. A peacefulness followed the weeks of struggle, a peacefulness that reflects the words from the book of Revelation: "God shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away ... See I make all things new." Rev. 21, 4-5.

To all of Sister Georgette's friends in community, to her relatives, especially to Gert Moorer, to former students and to all who cared for her during her life, we express our sympathy and we share the joy of her new life, everlasting life!



SISTER M. GEORGETTE MOORER (Catherine)



Born: March 14, 1903 in Glencoe, Illinois
 Parents: Emil and Mary (Levernier) Moorer
 Postulancy: November 30, 1924
 Novitiate: August 12, 1925
 First Profession: August 12, 1927
 Final Profession: August 12, 1930
 Died: Sunday, February 7, 1988 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center

Ministry:

- 1926 - 1934 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 1934 - 1935 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Grades 5 & 6
- 1935 - 1949 Sacred Heart of Jesus (Lillyville Public School System) Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
- 1949 - 1950 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grades 2 & 3 till October
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, IL, Grade 1
- 1950 - 1952 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grades 3 & 4
- 1952 - 1954 St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL, Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4
- 1954 - 1955 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
- 1955 - 1956 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Convalescent
- 1956 - 1957 St. Joseph, Pesotum, IL, Grades 3 & 4
- 1957 - 1964 Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lillyville, Grades 1, 2 & 3
- 1964 - 1966 St. Denis, Benton, MO, Grades 1 & 2
- 1966 - 1987 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Portress & Retired
- 1987 - 1988 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Monday, February 8, 1988 from 2 - 7 p.m.
with prayer service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, February 8, 1988 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Tuesday, February 9, 1988 from OLA at 9 a.m.
to Resurrection Cemetery