

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

December 26, 1985

Dear Sisters and Associates,

As we rejoice in the many reasons and occasions for celebration during this blessed season, we are once again challenged by the mystery of death. Surely, anyone who knew Sister Eleanore Rademacher well realizes that this "going home", too, is reason to celebrate -- she would have encouraged that! It is the suddenness, though, that has taken us all by surprise. There really wasn't even time for a "So long - and God bless!"

Though Ellie's health had been somewhat fragile these last few years, no one expected that she would be called from us in time to celebrate Christmas '85 with her many family members, sisters and friends who had gone before.

Always known as a gentle person, Sister Eleanore was a warm and loving woman, whose life, values and attitudes were grounded in a deep and personal faith. Known as one of the Congregation's professionals in the area of primary teaching, Sister spent 45 years with her "little ones" in first grade. When her deteriorating eyesight and progressive arthritis made full-time classroom responsibility too difficult, Sister Eleanore returned to the Motherhouse and continued tutoring with the same enthusiasm, vigor and dedication that marked her ministry all through the years. Many were the days when the office staff from the second floor would pass the Reading Center and find Ellie pouring over her books and charts, preparing for her afternoon tutoring sessions. Most suspected that she had the material well under control, but her efforts to keep updated and prepared were always impressive.

In the first reading of the Mass of Resurrection we read, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the ones who bring good news, who herald peace, bring happiness." We join our thanks with those of Isaiah and celebrate the many ways in which Sister Eleanore was that messenger of good news, of happiness and peace.

We offer our sympathy to her sister, Clara, her brother, Matthew, and to the other family members, as well as to her many friends and loved ones. We celebrate with gratitude the many ways in which Sister Eleanore touched our living and our being. May the Lord of Life bless her with the joy and peace of His Presence forever.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



Sister M. Eleanore Rademacher (Genevieve) 606

Born: July 10, 1903
Parents: Barthel (Bartholomew) and Helena (Kestel) Rademacher
Postulancy: September 5, 1921
Novitiate: August 12, 1922
1st Profession: August 12, 1924
Final Profession: August 12, 1927
Died: Monday, December 23, 1985 at 11:25 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels

Ministry:

1924 - 1926 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grades 3 and 4
1926 - 1936 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grades 1 and 2
1936 - 1942 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Grade 1
1942 - 1943 St. Louis, Custar, OH, Grade 1, 2,3,4, and Organist
1943 - 1944 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Grades 1 and 2
1944 - 1954 Sacred Heart (Englewood), Chicago, IL, Grade 1
1954 - 1955 St. Jude, Joliet, IL, Grades 1 and 2
1955 - 1963 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL Grades 1 and 2
1963 - 1966 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grade 1
1966 - 1972 St. Andrew, Romeoville, IL, Grades 1 and 3
1972 - 1985 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutoring Program
Retired to Our Lady of Angels, January 1985

Wake: Thursday, December 26, 1985 from 2 - 7 p.m. with prayer Service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, December 26, 1985 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Friday, December 27, 1985 from OLA at 9 a.m. to St. John Cemetery

Survived by sister, Mrs. Clara Stephen and brother, Matthew Rademacher

