

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

November 20, 1985

Dear Sisters and Associates,

In the response to the first reading of the Mass of Resurrection tonight, we sing "My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord." This might well have been the motto for Sister Lydia Scheiblich's life - she gloried in the gift of life and shared that joy with countless people whose lives she touched.

Her whole life in the Congregation was devoted to the service of God's people, principally through her work in the Catholic school systems of Ohio and Illinois. Her love of children was extraordinary, and she had that special quality of inspiring them to do their best in her classes. Sister Lydia was especially effective with junior high students instilling into their impressionable young minds the Christian Franciscan values that she lived daily.

As an educator and principal, Sister Lydia was highly respected and appreciated by the Sisters who worked with her as well. One sister with her in Worthington as a beginning teacher described her as "very forward in her thinking - willing to allow new things in the classroom, provided you had the discipline."

When she came to the Motherhouse in 1976, Sister had completed fifty-three years of educational ministry, thirty-three of those years as superior and principal. She then tutored for five additional years until mobility became difficult because of the severe degenerative arthritis that had been so present in her life for so many years. That pain was a part of Sister Lydia's life until her last conscious moment.

She leaves on earth her many friends, but none will miss her more than her beloved sister, Sister Evelyn. To Sister Evelyn, their sister Mrs. Evelyn Heise, their Joliet Franciscan niece, Sister Rita Greene and their many other nieces, nephews and family members, we offer our sympathy and prayerful support.

As Sister Lydia now celebrates the joy of Resurrection, we recall her presence among us with gratitude. We are appreciative of all she did for the Congregation, and for the many lives she touched. May the Lord whom she served so generously reward her with the joy of His Presence forever.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



Sister M. Lydia Scheiblich (Clara) 604

Born: October 30, 1902
Parents: Joseph and Louisa (Frison) Scheiblich
Postulancy: November 23, 1920
Novitiate: August 12, 1921
1st Profession: August 12, 1923
Final Profession: August 12, 1926
Died: 717 November 18, 1985 at 9:05 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, IL



Ministry:

1923 - 1934 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8
1934 - 1940 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Grades 7, 8, Superior and Principal
1940 - 1954 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grade 8, Superior and Principal
1954 - 1955 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grade 8
1955 - 1961 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grade 8, Superior and Principal
1961 - 1962 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 8
1962 - 1968 St. Michael, Worthington, OH, Superior and Principal
1968 - 1969 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Principal
1969 - 1976 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 7
1976 - 1981 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutoring
1981 - 1985 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Wednesday, November 20, 1985 from 2 - 7 p.m. with Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, November 20, 1985 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, November 21, 1985 at 9 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by sisters: Sister Evelyn Scheiblich OSF and Mrs. Evelyn Heise
Niece in our Congregation: Sister Rita Greene OSF and various nieces and nephews.