

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

June 16, 1977

Dear Sisters,

Jubilee Day will indeed be celebrated on Saturday by our beloved Sister M. Theon Scherer. Sister Theon, who was, with nine of her classmates, to mark her Diamond Jubilee this Saturday, died at 8:50 last evening, June 15. The Mass of Resurrection, which will be celebrated at 9:30 on Saturday morning, June 18, will commemorate almost 79 years of life and 62 years of her professed life as a Franciscan Sister.

Sister Theon was born on December 7, 1898, in New Hamburg, Missouri, the daughter of Nicholas and Bertha Grojean Scherer. In St. Lawrence Church, she was baptized and given the name Christine. On the day after her sixteenth birthday, she entered our Congregation. Her novitiate began on August 12, 1915, her First Vows were pronounced in 1917, and her Final Profession was made in 1920.

Sister's retirement at Our Lady of Angels ten years ago culminated fifty years of active ministry, for the most part as teacher of the upper grades and as principal. Her long career included St. Mary, Columbus; St. Joseph, Pesotum; St. Joseph, Freeport; and four Chicago missions -- St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis Assisi, St. Clement; and St. Boniface. Her Golden Jubilee, celebrated in 1967, was a time of great rejoicing, especially at St. Boniface Church, Chicago, where the parishioners honored her for having served them for almost two decades.

We offer our sympathy to each of Sister's two sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Alena Dyer, of Scott County, Missouri; Mrs. A. Valente, of Hillside, Illinois; Charles Scherer, of Melrose Park, Illinois; and Anthony Scherer, of Park Ridge, Illinois.

We invite all of the Congregation and Sister Theon's relatives, friends and students to the Scripture Service to be conducted at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home on Friday, June 17, at 3:00 p.m., as well as to celebrate with us the Mass of Resurrection on her Jubilee Day, Saturday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport, Illinois.

In the opening prayer of the Mass for Religious Profession, we read: "Grant, Lord, a blessed ending to the journey on which they have set out, so that they may be able to offer You the perfect gift of their loving service." We thank God this day for that "blessed journey" Sister Theon walked so faithfully these many years among us. May she enjoy the vision of God all the days of her eternal life.

Devotedly in Christ,

THE GOVERNING BOARD

