

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

December 22, 1985

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Friday, December 20, found Sister Arcadia Sebastian busy about many things as she visited, wrote letters and conversed with the other Sisters at OLA with her customary pre-holiday enthusiasm. And so the reaction was one of universal shock and disbelief when, shortly after six in the evening we received word that "Archy," as she was affectionately known, had been called to celebrate Christmas '85 with extraordinary joy and jubilation among the heavenly choirs.

Although she had recently been hospitalized for treatment, Sister Arcadia had appeared to be well on the road to recovery, and was looking forward to returning to her first floor room, hopefully for the holidays. She was on her way to supper on C2 when she collapsed in the corridor, and died within that next half hour.

Sister Arcadia's long career in education included missions in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin. She gave generously of herself and was well respected by her students and their parents alike. In a report from one of her last teaching years, her principal stated, "Sister's rapport is good in all areas...her concern and interest in the students and school is great." After 50 plus years in the classroom, Sister spent her last dozen mission years at St. Mary's in Des Plaines, where she managed the household and worked in the sacristy giving herself to both activities with her characteristic concern and commitment.

An avid sports fan through the years, Archy could often be found dividing her afternoons between her many chores and her favorite games.

It is hard to remember Sister Arcadia without closely linking the name and the person of Sister Vera, her sister and confidante. Though born triplets, only the two sisters survived, both entering the Joliet Franciscans and remaining close through the years. Many recall the care and concern with which they looked out for one another to the very end.

We express our deep and prayerful sympathy to Sister Vera as well as to their sister Laura of Michigan and the many other nieces and nephews and family members who survive.

In the Gospel of the liturgy of Resurrection, we read, "Blessed is she who has trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled." We know that Sister Arcadia now joyously celebrates the rewards of that life-long trust and confidence.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



Sister M. Arcadia Sebastian (Louise) 605

Born: October 20, 1901
 Parents: John A. and Maria (Sedlmayer) Sebastian
 Postulancy: November 1, 1917
 Novitiate: August 12, 1918
 1st Profession: August 12, 1920
 Final Profession: August 12, 1923
 Died: Friday, December 20, 1985 at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home



Ministry:

- 1920 - 1921 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Domestic Work
- 1921 - 1923 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Prefect
- 1923 - 1927 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Domestic Work
- 1927 - 1929 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grades 3 and 5
- 1929 - 1948 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grades 2,3,4,5,6 and 7
- 1948 - 1950 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grade 7
- 1950 - 1952 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
- 1952 - 1955 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
- 1955 - 1957 St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Grades 6 & 7
- 1957 - 1958 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 6
- 1958 - 1959 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grade 7
- 1959 - 1960 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grade 7
- 1960 - 1966 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Grades 5,6,7 & 8, Superior and Principal
- 1966 - 1968 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grade 5
- 1968 - 1969 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, Grades 5 & 6
- 1969 - 1972 St. Pius, Lombard, IL, Grade 4
- 1972 - 1984 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Sacristan
- 1984 - 1985 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Sunday, December 22, 1985 from 2 - 7 p.m. with Prayer Service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, December 22, 1985 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Monday, December 23, 1985 from OLA at 9 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by sisters: Sister M. Vera Sebastian and Mrs. Laura Neumann and by numerous nephews and neices.

