

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,*

*His is not ended, but merely changed.*

February 11, 1985

Dear Friends,

When she was taken to the hospital on Wednesday, Sister Dorothy knew that the OLA prayer group she led would be praying for her. It was their night to meet. Scripture was becoming a deeper part of her life. A quote from Jeremiah became very meaningful to her recently:

"Heal me, Yahweh, and I shall be really healed,  
save me, and I shall be saved,  
for you alone are my hope." Jer. 17:14

This thought is reflected in Sister's Resurrection Liturgy.

Dorothy was the oldest daughter of Anna and Joseph Sorna. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 5, 1912. Her parents, two brothers, George and Joseph, and her sister, Florence, have preceded her in death. She is survived by her sisters, Margaret and Bernice, and her brother, William. Dorothy entered the community on September 8, 1931, was given the name Sister M. Elmer at reception into the novitiate and professed her first vows on August 12, 1934.

Sister Dorothy taught in various schools for 41 years. She especially enjoyed teaching the upper grades. She said she liked that challenge! The sisters at Our Lady of Angels keenly feel her loss since her ministry for the past ten years has been as a staff member at OLA, first as a housekeeper and most recently as the sacristan.

Last summer Sister Dorothy celebrated her golden jubilee of profession. Before then she wrote that her silver jubilee was the highlight of her life. The theme used for that celebration was the Magnificat. She wrote, "My soul overflowed with joy and gratitude to God." Sister Dorothy would write about a new highlight today. We celebrate with her as her soul overflows with joy forever!

Sisters who lived and worked with Sister Dorothy know her and appreciate her for her prayerful and quiet ways. Although she was assigned to be the sacristan, Sister Dorothy also found many other ways to help out at Our Lady of Angels. Some will remember that she liked to distribute fruit in the dining room; others will remember that she liked to play tapes; and others will picture her as their leader at prayer.

We offer sympathy to Sister Dorothy's sisters, Margaret and Bernice, to her brother, William, to her dear cousins, to her classmates, and to all our sisters who will miss her, especially our sisters at Our Lady of Angels.

Sister Dorothy Sorna's death came unexpectedly to most of us and deeply saddens us. For Sister Dorothy, however, death was not unexpected nor was she saddened by its coming. The doctor told her that her heart was not good. She said that she went to the hospital willingly and her willingness signified how sick she felt. Despite her pain she was content and peaceful. On Friday morning, February 8, she knew the day would be a special one. She lifted up her hands as she said, "This is my Resurrection Day!" And it was.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



Sister Dorothy Sorna (Elmer) 596

Born: December 5, 1912

Parents: Joseph and Anna (Homala) Sorna

Postulancy: September 8, 1931

Novitiate: August 12, 1932

First Profession: August 12, 1934

Final Profession: August 12, 1937

Died: Friday, February 8, 1985, at 1:30 p.m.  
at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet



Ministry:

1934-1940	Sts. Cyril & Methodius	Chicago, IL	Grades 3,4,5,6
1940-1941	Sacred Heart	Englewood, IL	Grade 6
1941-1946	St. Procopius	Chicago, IL	Grades 5,6,7
1946-1953	St. Mary Magdalene	Columbus, OH	Grade 7
1953-1956	Sacred Heart	Englewood, IL	Grades 7,8
1956-1959	St. Edward	Ashland, OH	Grades 6-8, Principal
1959-1963	St. Francis de Sales	Chicago, IL	Grade 8
1963-1964	Corpus Christi	Columbus, OH	Grade 8
1964-1968	Sts. Peter & Paul	Chicago, IL	Grade 8
1968-1969	St. Mary	Des Plaines, IL	Grade 8
1969-1973	St. Michael	Fremont, MI	Grades 5,6
1973-1975	St. Mary	Des Plaines, IL	Grades 4,5
1975-1985	Our Lady of Angels	Joliet, IL	Housekeeper/ Sacristan

Wake: Monday, February 11, 1985, from 2-7 p.m.  
Prayer service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, February 11, 1985, at 7 p.m.

Burial: Tuesday, February 12, 1985, from Our Lady of Angels to  
Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL

Survived by two sisters: Margaret (Mrs. Edward Caka)  
Bernice (Mrs. William Albough)  
one brother: William Sorna  
several close cousins