

December 27, 1997



Dear Sisters:

"When our life of faith is done
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight."

WE WALK BY FAITH

These words are taken from the Wake Service for Sister Lorraine Noon who died December 16, about 8:35, just as Mass was beginning.

Sister Lorraine was born October 6, 1925, in Butte, Montana to Andrew and Mary Flanagan Noone. Both parents are deceased as are three brothers and one sister: Andrew E. Noon, John G. Noon, William M. Noon and Mary Ellen (Noon) Lutz. Survivors of Sister Lorraine are: one brother, Edward P. Noon of Germany; one sister Patricia (Noon) Baeza of Seattle, Washington; nieces, nephews and Victory Noll Sisters.

Sister was accepted in the postulancy at Victory Noll October 6, 1951. She professed first vows August 5, 1954. She has been stationed in the states of Utah, Indiana, Nevada, California, Texas, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois. She ministered in religious education, pastoral ministry, pastoral care, activity therapy and was assistant administrator in Holy Family Health Care Center.

Sister Lorraine had cancer surgery in November 1992. She recovered and was able to return to St. Joseph's Home of Chicago as activity therapist in 1995. The remission was short and she was a patient again in 1996. Sister Jeanette Halbach, Sister Rose M. Miller and Leora Linnenkugel brought Sister from Chicago September 1, 1997 to be able to receive care in Holy Family Health Care Center. She has been under doctor's care and has continued chemotherapy treatments since that time. It was easy to notice she was failing physically but her spirit was strong. A note she had written

to herself is the Lorraine we knew:

"Cheer up, God is with you.
If He has let you suffer,
it is because He sees something good in it.
Trust Him!

When found with a mountain, I will not quit.
I will keep on striving until I climb over,
find a path through, tunnel underneath or
simply stay and turn the mountain
into a gold mine with God's help."

Sister Lorraine has been loved in our community and in the missions where she has lived and ministered. That love has been returned by Sister through her thoughtfulness, care and Irish wit. So many have enjoyed her company.

We met the body in Memorial Chapel at 4:30 December 18. The welcome prayers were led by Sister Janet Thill and Christmas Novena followed.

The Wake Service in the evening was attended by our sisters and associates from Fort Wayne. The beautiful hymns and prayers were not only for Sister Lorraine but also for ourselves. Sisters shared interesting and inspiring stories of life and ministry with our departed Sister.

In the morning we gathered to share in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Father Fahey was presider and the opening hymn was "The King Shall Come." The Schola sang Ave Maria at the Preparation of the Gifts and led us in Pan de Vida. As we entered the Recessional we joined in "Now The Green Blade Rises." Father's inspiring homily, the meaningful music and reflection on Sister Lorraine's life gave one meditative thoughts.

The weather was pleasant to walk to the cemetery. There we had the usual last prayers, invocations and We Have A Holy Mother.

Sister Lorraine, we know your prayers and sufferings have benefited us. Please continue to remember us in prayer as you are in ours.

In Our Lady of Victory,

Sr. Marjorie Curran

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General Secretary