

August 22, 1996

I'm not going to move the mountain
I'm going to teach you how to climb.
Just follow and I will help you
One step at a time.
And I'm always there before you;
If you put your hand in mine.

Dear Sisters:

This refrain from the song, "I'm Not Going To Move The Mountain" was a response at Sister Doris Koenig's Wake Service. She had planned a very fitting liturgy for herself just weeks before.

Sister Doris died August 9, 1996 at Victory Noll. She was born January 14, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, to Bernard Anthony and Lucille (Loechner) Koenig. Both parents are deceased. She was baptized in St. Margaret Mary parish in Detroit. She attended the parish grammar school and St. Bernard's High School in that city.

Sister Doris entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters congregation January 31, 1945 and made her first profession of vows August 5, 1947.

The ministries of Sister Doris have been in Colorado, Utah, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, West Virginia and Arizona. In the fields of religious education, Sister has been teacher, coordinator, pastoral minister and has given classes to our Sisters in the summers. Sister has been a representative to liturgy committees, ministerial associations and parish councils. She was also vocation director for our community.

Sister Doris has shared her studies and herself so well in her ministries and with her Sisters in community. She has taught us how to climb one step at a time. Her every step was with joy and enthusiasm.

For several months Sister Doris was not feeling well. She finished the school year of 1995-96 with her ministry in Moab, Utah, then she came to Holy Family Health Care Center at Victory Noll. The doctor recommended surgery and then she was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The weeks that followed the diagnosis brought much pain and loss of strength. Sister was confined to a wheelchair but main-

tained a vibrant spirit in preparing for death. Family and friends called, visited, wrote and prayed. It was difficult to believe on that Friday morning, August 9, that Sister Doris was in a critical condition. Sisters were sitting with her praying and comforting until 10:30 that evening when she went to her Savior peacefully. Sister Karen Knecht was with Sister when she breathed her last. The nurses, Sisters Grace Marie Samblanet and Romana Nowak, O.P. joined Sister in prayer around the bed.

After the arrival of the body at Memorial Chapel Sunday afternoon we prayed the rosary. Her family was present for the Wake Service that evening. Refreshments were served afterward by the Sisters at Holy Family giving an opportunity to meet the family and friends.

The beautiful Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:30 Monday morning was celebrated by Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr of Detroit. Msgr. William J. Sherzer of Detroit and Rev. Robert Koenig, brother of Sister Doris, of Fraser, Michigan were also present.

Sister Doris is survived by 1 sister: Loraine Densmore of St. Clair Shores; 2 brothers, Rev. Robert Koenig of Fraser and Donald Koenig of Dearborn, all of Michigan.

May we be supported by Sister Doris as we climb the mountain continuing to newer missions of Jesus.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sr. Marjorie Curran
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General Secretary

