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Sister Placida Badzinska

On August 16, 1916, Sister M. Placida, formerly Frances Badzinska, died of tuberculosis at the Motherhouse in Joliet in the 36th year of her age and in the 17th of her religious career.

Sister Placida was well fitted for a religious life, since she was of a cheerful disposition and at the same time loved work as well as prayer. For a number of years she performed housework on the different missions. She was well liked by the Sisters as she made every effort to make their home life agreeable and happy by fulfilling cheerfully all its various occupations.

Because of her sunny disposition and having also evinced great aptitude in nursing, she was given charge of the Infirmary at the Motherhouse in 1913. She performed these new duties with her usual cheer, finding no service for the sick too tiresome, tedious or nauseating. But by a change of circumstances another duty was assigned to her. In September 1915 there was a dearth of Polish teachers. It became necessary to employ her as a teacher in the primary department of these schools, because she was of Polish descent and conversant with the language, the little children understanding generally only the mother tongue. The mission house to which she was sent was located in a crowded part of the city, St. Wenceslaus, Chicago, where streets and alleys lacked cleanliness and good pure air seemed a luxury. While engaged in the unusual work and at the same time laborious, because of the crowded classrooms, with incorrect ventilation, she contracted a severe cold and cough, which brought on a hemorrhage of the lungs. The doctor, fearing incipient consumption, ordered her removal. In January 1916 she returned to the Motherhouse. However, she failed to improve, but grew steadily worse until life's vitality was exhausted. Fortified by the Sacraments and prayers of the Church, she awaited with full resignation and without fear, the call to come to her eternal reward.