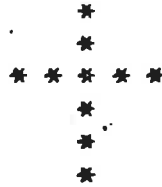


194. Sister Theotone Bahleda
August 15, 1934



Sister Theotone Bahleda

Sister M. Theotone Bahleda died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet at 11:59 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time) on the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption, 1934. She was in the twenty-fourth year of her age and the eighth of her religious life. She was taken to the hospital on June 22 and her condition at that time was critical. Her sufferings were intense, caused by inflammation of the bone and marrow of the right femur and chronic suppurative arthritis of the right knee. She had suffered from the condition of her right leg even while she was a novice. However, it was the opinion of the doctors that an operation and treatments would cure the disorder. After her profession she was apparently in good condition and was sent out to teach in a primary grade of one of our parochial schools. After two months she had to be brought to the infirmary of the Motherhouse where she was convalescent until February. Again her condition warranted that she could go back, and since she herself was so eager to return to the classroom, she was sent to substitute one of the Sisters who had taken ill. The following year, however, she spent at the Motherhouse convalescing. The next two years were spent at the Guardian Angel Home teaching the primary grades. With the exception of several days at a time or sometimes a week now and then, she was able to be on duty. In August 1933 she was transferred from the Guardian Angel Home to St. Bernard's, Joliet. She taught there until April when she became ill and brought to the infirmary of the Motherhouse where she remained until taken to the hospital.

Sister Theotone was a sister to Sister M. Aurelia. One brother, Father Anton Bahleda is a member of the Benedictine Order at St. Andrew's Priory, Cleveland, Ohio. He was not able to be present for the funeral, but he had visited Sister earlier in the summer.

The chaplain, Rev. Thomas Rust, O.F.M. was celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass on August 18. Rev. Aurelius Bruegge, O.F.M. was deacon and Rev. Mark Schludecker, O.F.M. subdeacon. Two Carmelites, Fathers from Catholic High were present in the sanctuary. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet.