

SISTER M. HYACINTH BESSA
273. JUNE 22, 1946

Sister M. Hyacinth, formerly Clara Bessa of St. Boniface Parish, Chicago, IL, died at the Motherhouse on Saturday, June 22, 1946, at 5 a.m. She was in her 82nd year and the 65th of her religious life. Funeral services were in the Motherhouse Chapel on Monday, June 24, with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet, IL.

Clara was born on January 18, 1865, in Chicago, IL, to Joseph and Albertine Schultz Bessa, both originally of Kamnitz, West Prussia. Clara entered the postulancy on Christmas Day, December 25, 1881. She entered the Novitiate as Sister Hyacinth on March 25, 1882, with First Profession of Vows on August 9, 1884, and Final Vows on August 11, 1887. Sister Hyacinth celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1932 while she was Superior and Principal at Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, with all the children, parishioners, Sisters, clergy, and even Bishop Reverman of the Superior, WI, Diocese present. In 1942 Sister Hyacinth celebrated her Diamond Jubilee with Sisters Augustine and Gertrude, at the Motherhouse.

Sister Hyacinth's Mission Record included:

1882-83	St. John, Jefferson, WI	Domestic work
1883-84	St. Rose, Lima, OH	Domestic work
1884-89	St. Joseph, Freeport, IL	Grades 1,2
1889-99	St. John, Joliet, IL	Grades 2,3,4,5
1899-02	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Grade 5
1902-07	St. Francis deSales, Chicago, IL	Grades 3,4,5
1907-12	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Grade 1
1912-13	Joliet and Chicago, IL	Substitute teacher
1913-14	St. Francis deSales, Chicago, IL	Grade 3
1914-16	St. Procopius, Chicago, IL	Superior/Principal
1916-18	St. Joseph, Galion, OH	Grades 1,2,3,4 Superior/Principal
1918-22	St. Francis deSales, Chicago, IL	Grade 3 Superior/Principal
1922-25	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	Grade 3
1925-30	St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL	Grades 2,3,4 Superior/Principal
1930-37	Holy Family, Bayfield, WI	Grades 4,5 Superior/Principal
1937-46	St. Francis Assisi Convent, Chicago, IL	Sacristan and Portress

Sister Hyacinth had lead a long and fruitful life in the Congregation. She died of myocarditis from which she was known to suffer the last five years of her life.