

SISTER M. GONZAGA DIRNBERGER
267. DECEMBER 3, 1945

Sister M. Gonzaga, formerly Susan Dirnberger of New Hamburg, MO, daughter of Michael and Regina Heisserer Dirnberger, died at St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet, IL, on Monday, December 3, 1945, at 2:15 a.m., in the 77th year of her age and the 62nd of her religious life. Her death was due to chronic myocarditis, cardiac hypertrophy, and acute cardiac dilation.

Sisters Gonzaga, Angelica, and Leocadia Dirnberger were natural sisters. Their father was born in Munich, Germany, and their mother in Alsace-Lorraine. The family lived in New Hamburg when the girls joined the community. Susan, Sister Gonzaga, was the oldest of the three girls to come to Joliet. She was born on March 4, 1869, became a postulant on August 15, 1884, a novice on August 12, 1885, made First Vows on August 15, 1888, and Final Vows on August 12, 1891. Caroline was born on June 16, 1872, became a postulant on August 27, 1891, a novice, Sister Angelica, on February 25, 1892, First Vows on July 24, 1894 and Final Vows on August 2, 1897. She died on March 26, 1933, of parruchematous nephritis. Catherine was born on August 4, 1874, and came with Caroline. She became Sister Leocadia, and died at an early age on November 6, 1901, with consumption.

Sister Gonzaga's Mission Record includes: Grades:

1885-88 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL	1,2,3,4
1888-95 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL	5,6
1895-96 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	5,6
1897-99 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL	6,7,8
1896-97 St. Michael, Sigel, IL	6,7,8
1899-06 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL	5,6
1906-10 St. Joseph, Galion, OH	6,7,8
1910-13 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL	5,6
1913-14 St. Denis, Cicero, IL	7,8
1914-15 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL	8
1915-16 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL	8
1916-18 St. Louis, Washburn, WI	7,8
1918-23 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL	5,6
1923-25 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL	7,8
1925-26 St. Mary, Columbus, OH	8
St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL	6
1926-29 Ss. Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL	5,6
1929-30 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	7
1930-31 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	7,8
St. Stephen, Streator, IL	7
1931-38 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL Supervisor of hired help	
1938-45 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL General work	