

ST. FRANCIS CONVENT
520 Plainfield Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

October 29, 1969

Dear Sisters,

This is to notify you of the death of one of our Sisters -- Sister Emilia.

Sister Mary Emilia Dutko was born in Bay Island, New Jersey on November 11, 1894, received the habit in 1911 and was in the 59th year of her religious life. She died on October 28, 1969, at 8:50 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels. Her two sisters who are also members of our Congregation were with her at the time of her death: Sister Rosette Dutko and Sister Doris Dutko. Another sister and two brothers survive: Mrs. Anne Palowitch, Mr. Joseph P. Dutko and Mr. John Dutko, all of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Sister Grace Brouch was the nurse attending Sister Emilia at the time of her death and reports that she died a very peaceful death, remaining alert almost to the end.

Sister Emilia was brought by ambulance-plane from Johnstown just two weeks ago after serious surgery and post-operative complications.

Sister's professional training was in music and education; in her years of service from 1912 until 1969 she served as teacher in primary and intermediate grades, as teacher of school music, as parish organist and as superior and principal.

Sister Emilia's 57 years of professional service were spent in two states: Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Sister began her teaching career at St. Procopius parish in Chicago and 25 years of her life were lived in Chicago: ten years at St. Wenceslas, eight at St. Ludmilla, three at Sacred Heart, Englewood, two at Sacred Heart, Huron Street, one at SS. Peter and Paul and one at St. Procopius.

Sister went to St. Stephen parish, Streator in 1913, remained until 1916, and returned in 1955 until 1960.

Sister also served in the Joliet diocese at Guardian Angel Home, St. Joseph parish, St. Pius X, Lombard, St. Andrew parish, Romeoville.

St. Joseph, Pesotum, Illinois, gave Sister Emilia the combined position of teacher in intermediate grades and organist in 1931 until 1932.

Sister Emilia gave 19 years of service to her home parish of St. Stephen, Johnstown. Sister was living in St. Stephen parish when she was stricken with her final illness in September.

We recommend Sister Emilia and her family to your prayers.

Devotedly in Christ,

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