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Sister Teresa Girten

Sister Teresa, formerly Rose Girten of St. Augustine's Parish in Chicago, a cousin of Hon. Michael Girten of Chicago, died of tuberculosis at the Motherhouse, August 6, 1914, in the 29th year of her age and the fourth of her religious career.

Sister Teresa was not of a robust constitution, but she had nevertheless a great desire to take upon herself the strenuous obligations of a religious life. Regarding her ardent wish as an extraordinary indication of the applicant being destined for the more perfect way to obtain sanctity and also considering that the regular routine for work, prayer and rest would be favorable to her physical condition, she was admitted to the postulancy and in due time received the habit of St. Francis. After a year's novitiate, however, her health began to fail. An examination by the physician revealed that her lungs were in a diseased condition. She was then transferred to the infirmary and lived sufficiently long to take simple vows. Before she could renew them for another year, the Lord called her from her earthly exile. Fully resigned to God's will, happy in the knowledge of being a child of St. Francis, fortified by the reception of the last Sacraments, she closed her eyes in death and after the solemn Requiem was laid to rest in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. An aged father and a devoted sister mourned her loss.