



Sister Seraphine Hermann

Sister Seraphine, formerly Margaret Hermann of Aurora, Illinois, died on April 21, 1896 at the Mercy Hospital in Chicago from paralysis of the bowels, caused by the removal of a tumor. She was in the fortieth year of her age and the twenty-first of her religious life. Hopes were entertained for her recovery until a few days before she departed. She received the last rites of the church in full consciousness. Fearing greatly that her death might be only apparent she asked and obtained from Rev. Isidore Gey, O.F.M. the assurance that she would not be buried alive. Her remains were brought to Joliet, where the obsequies were held in the convent chapel.

During the first years of her religious life she was engaged in our elementary schools, but later devoted her time to fancy needlework. A benediction veil, the main part of which was wrought by her hands, was exhibited at the World's Fair in 1893, when she was appointed Mistress of postulants, which position she held up to the time of her death when she was succeeded by Sister Cassilda Mayer. Sister Seraphine, during her entire religious career, was a model of order and religious reserve.