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Sister M. Regis Jaros

Our Sister M. Regis, the former Josephine Jaros of Chicago, Illinois, died at the Motherhouse, Joliet, on Monday, October 22, 1956, at 9:30 a.m. Sister was sixty-five years of age and had spent forty-four years in religion. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia, a complication due to carcinomatosis and myocardial ischemia.

Sister Regis, suffering from a bowel obstruction, had been brought home to the Infirmary on September 9th. Dr. George Fahrner made a diagnosis of malignancy and engaged Dr. Reiser for surgery to relieve distention, the malignancy itself being beyond surgery. She returned from the hospital on October 10th. Though she had good tolerance for pain, she suffered intensely those last twelve days, sometimes calling out ejaculations in her anguish. With all this, she was a patient sufferer, sweet and docile, grateful to those who took care of her. Sister was conscious to the last, and awaited death with a peaceful calm while those about her recited the prayers for the dying.

Funeral services were held in the Motherhouse Chapel on Thursday morning, the Solemn Requiem being celebrated by Rev. Garcias Behnen, O.F.M. Interment was made at Mt. Olivet cemetery, Joliet.

Sister Regis had devoted forty-two years of her life to grade school teaching, thirty-five of these years being spent consecutively at St. Procop's, Cleveland, from 1920-1955. For four years she served in Chicago, three at St. Ludmilla's and one at St. Procopius; and one year at St. Stephen's, Johnstown. Her last appointment was to Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Chicago, but she had only begun these duties, when sickness brought her home.

Wherever she was stationed, Sister Regis won the same warm affection from both pupils and Sisters. She was an exceptionally good and gifted teacher, with a deep religious spirit which she succeeded in instilling in her pupils. There was power in her quiet conducting of classes, and always she had perfect order. Lame for the last twenty years of her life because of a bone ailment, she never permitted her handicap to curtail her activities. As attested by a Sister who knew her well, she had offered herself as a victim - and she lived her immolation. Perhaps sensing something of this, her pupils watched eagerly to render any little service possible--in winter they would with gentle deference remove her rubbers, and she would accept their help with humble grace. At her various missions she gave competent help and was a true assistant to her superiors. Of a tranquil disposition, in her religious life Sister showed a deep peace and quiet joy. She found contentment living her Franciscan Rule and would always choose regular observance. Even in unusual circumstances she neither asked nor expected dispensations. -- How joyously must Francis and his sainted band have welcomed her to their ranks!

Sister Regis was survived in the Community by her blood sister, Sister M. Rudolpha.