

165. Sister Nepomucene Kaber
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Sister M. Nepomucene died on October 14, 1930, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, at the age of sixty-two. In the death of this religious the Community loses an excellent teacher, and a religious whose call to the service of God was so evident as to mark her as a favored soul.

Sister Nepomucene, whose family name was Kaber, was born in Kolenes, Bohemia. When eighteen years of age, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Joliet, Illinois.

Her teaching at St. Ludmilla's and the various schools in Chicago, was the kind that brings lasting results, for she taught by word and example the Christian virtues she had acquired. She held the office of Superior for many years and proved herself a loving mother. By her cheerful disposition she endeared herself to all.

Sister Nepomucene was buried from St. Ludmilla's Church, Chicago, where she had spent many years of her religious life. The solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated at nine-thirty o'clock on Friday October 17.

The clergy and acolytes went in procession to the Sisters' residence. Here the corpse was blessed and brought to the church. Reverend Francis Tony, pastor of St. Ludmilla's was celebrant of the Mass. Rev. Joseph Cvatal, O.S.B., deacon, and one of Sr. Nepomucene's own boys, the Rev. J. Sted, sub-deacon. A Benedictine abbot and nine other priests were present in the sanctuary. The school children's choir, under the direction of Sr. Petra, sang the Mass. Those who were present were enthusiastic in their praise of the singing.

Rev. Francis Tony preached the Bohemian sermon and Rev. Charles Erkenwich from Holy Ghost Church, Chicago, preached in English, paying tribute to Sister Nepomucene's beautiful character. He dwelt in particular on her great humility, speaking of her qualities of leadership, which however, often passed unnoticed because of her unassuming ways. "Many today," he said, "are blessing Sister Nepomucene for leading them to see the beauty of the religious vocation. He referred to both priests and religious.

The priests who accompanied the body sang the "Benedictus" at the grave. Sister's remains were interred in St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Chicago.