



Sister Emerentia Kilanowicz

It was on Saturday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. that Sister Emerentia who for the past thirty years taught at Holy Cross School, Joliet, Illinois, was called by the Divine Friend to share the reward of heaven. Her death came as a surprise for she was ill with Capillary Bronchitis but for one week. She was brought to the Motherhouse infirmary on January 4, and on the following day she was anointed.

Sister was the daughter of Albert Kilanowicz and Apollonia Wicnewska. She was in the fifty-seventh year of her age and the thirty-fifth of her religious life.

Her body lay in state in the Motherhouse and on the request of the Reverend Pastor, the Rev. Stanislas Derengowski, her remains were brought to Holy Cross Church on Monday afternoon, January 13, where the funeral services were held. The Vespers of the dead were chanted by the Rev. Pastor and the organist alternately, after which the corpse was viewed.

Before the solemn Requiem Mass on Tuesday, January 14, Matins were chanted in the sanctuary. Holy Mass began at 10:00 a.m. at which the Rev. Stanislas Derengowski, pastor of Holy Cross was celebrant, Rev. Louis Johantges, O.F.M., deacon, and Rev. Stanislas Chyls, subdeacon. Five other priests were in the sanctuary. Parishioners wishing to pay honor to her filled the church to capacity. The school children sang the Requiem Mass.

Rev. A. S. Olzewski, the former pastor of Holy Cross, delivered the sermon. Beautiful and impressive was the tribute he paid to Sister Emerentia. As in life, so in death simplicity and dutifulness characterized the passing of Sister Emerentia. May she rest in peace!

The school children, joining the funeral procession, accompanied the remains to St. John Cemetery.