



Sister Gerarda Loeffler

On July 6, 1897, Sister M. Gerarda, formerly Christine Loeffler of Portsmouth, Ohio died of appendicitis after an illness of only three days at St. Boniface mission house, Chicago, Illinois. This sister was a convert to our faith before she entered religious life. Hers was the vocation of Martha, in which state she was indeed a model for all sisters attending to the duties of housekeeping. She was usually spoken of as "dear Sister Gerard" by the different superiors with whom she lived. Never was an unkind word heard from her lips by her co-laborers. Both her superiors and her equals loved and respected her for her amiable and docile character. One can say of her that she was a worthy daughter of the humble St. Francis. At the time of her death she was in the forty-first year of her age and the twentieth of her religious life.