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Sister Anne Miller

Sister Mary Anne, formerly Katherine Miller of New Hamburg, Missouri, died of the effects of a ligation on December 13, 1930, in Saint Joseph's Hospital, Joliet. She was in the seventy-first year of her age and the fifty-eighth of her religious life.

Sister Anne had labored among the Chippewa Indian girls of Bay-field, Wisconsin for thirteen years. They loved her dearly. Her superiorship subtracted nothing from the ever-ready-to-serve-way. The early hour of four o'clock would find her kindling fires in the cold rooms of her Indian charges still slumbering peacefully. She was ever faithful to her post of duty and at the Community exercises.

Sister Mary Anne had been the newly appointed Superior for St. Boniface Mission, Chicago, for the scholastic year 1930-1931. With a determined will and a great trust in God she assumed her new duties. However, her strength was spent. Having always enjoyed the blessing of good health, she became discouraged when her goiter trouble became so serious as to disable her for her duties. Her condition became alarming, so much so, that she was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Chicago, at once. Dr. Luken was her physician. Slow improvement marked her progress at first, but finally she gave all signs of a hopeless case. Sister Anne requested to be taken to the Motherhouse. Her request was granted by Rev. Mother Thomasine.

On December 11, Mr. Dames's ambulance was motored to Chicago and Sister Clotilde and Justine accompanied Sister Anne from St. Elizabeth's Hospital to the Convent Infirmary. On the same day Dr. Adelmann was summoned for consultation. He suggested a ligation which Sister Anne requested to have performed immediately. Sister Anne was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet on December 12, and on the morning of December 13 at eleven o'clock, the operation was performed. However, her strength was spent. Rest and medical aid were ineffective and her sweet and useful life ended in a death precious in the sight of God, a death which held no fears for her. She died in the afternoon of the ligation, Dec. 13, 1930 at 5:45 p.m.

A Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by the Chaplain, Rev. Louis Johantges with Rev. Lullus Seeboth as deacon and Rev. Roman Hasenstab as subdeacon. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Blahunka gave the obsequies.