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Sister Josepha Redlinger

Though suffering from the symptoms of Influenza, Sr. Josepha still urged herself to be on her post of duty, played the High Mass on the first of November, the Requiem on the second and taught school on the remainder of the day. But on the third she was unable to rise. The doctor having been summoned, pronounced her case as lobar pneumonia and ptomain poisoning as she was vomiting bile.

Extreme Unction was administered by Rev. George Blatter. Her sister in religion, Sr. Louisa, and ? were with her when the final hour came.

A Solemn Requiem was celebrated in the parish church by Rev. George Blatter, Rev. Ed Goldschmitt of Freeport acting as Deacon. A great number of parish people were present at the Requiem. The body remained in the church till train time, while women and children prayed the rosary, said the Stations and burned vigil lights for the repose of her soul. The body was brought to Joliet November 8, via the Rock Island route, accompanied by Sr. Clementine, Superior of the mission, her Sister Louisa and Mother Alexander. A Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Nicholas Christoffel, OFM, and the burial rites performed by Rev. D. Konen of Sacred Heart Church, Englewood, for whom she had taught a number of years, Rev. Nicholas being also present.

Sr. Josepha was of a quiet, unassuming disposition. She taught during all of the forty-five years of her religious life in various schools of the Congregation. Hers was the steady painstaking persevering method by which the pupil finally assimilated what had been taught. In her early religious life, while teaching at St. Boniface, Chicago, she fell a victim to the small-pox disease. Her isolation abode was a small house in the rear of the yard, where Sr. M. Antony Hub cared for her. The disease left few traces of her face. Sr. Josepha was of short stature, barely five feet, and small frame.