



Sister Cyrilla Vachuta

On the morning of September 27, 1933 the news of the death of Sister M. Cyrilla Vachuta who had passed away at 6:45 a.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital, Chicago, was received at the Motherhouse. Sister's death occurred most unexpectedly. She had been sick for less than a day, although she had had a number of attacks for some years and had been operated and treated for the trouble. The morning of the day Sister Cyrilla was taken sick, she was apparently in fair health. When the Sisters came home from school during the short morning intermission at about ten o'clock she was busy making preserves and laughingly told them that she would see that she made enough to last the whole year. At eleven o'clock when Sister Leopoldine came from school she found Sister in the kitchen in an agony of pain. She immediately sent for Sister Conrada, the Superior. Sister was put to bed and the usual remedies applied. She became worse and the doctor was summoned. Doctor J. Hofrichter who knew Sister's condition for some years ordered her to the Hospital. At the hospital because of her critical condition, she was anointed. Later in the evening Sister became worse and the hospital notified the Sisters at St. Ludmilla's. Two of the Sisters went to the hospital immediately, said the prayers for the dying and remained at the hospital with Sister for some time. In the meantime Mother Thomasine had been notified of Sister's critical condition. The nurse did not think there was any immediate danger and advised the Sisters to return home, promising to call if there should be a change. The next morning when the Sisters returned from Church after having having received Holy Communion a message from the hospital informed them that Sister had died at about a quarter to seven. Strangled hernia was the cause of death.

At the time of her death Sister Cyrilla was in the 64th year of her age and the 43rd of her religious life. She had been stationed at St. Ludmilla's, Chicago, without interruption since September, 1913, Conscientiously and cheerfully performing the domestic duties.

The Solemn Requiem was celebrated at St. Ludmilla's Church, Chicago, by Rev. Francis Tony, assisted by Rev. A. Mlnarik and Rev. Adalbert Janda on September 29. Interment was in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Chicago.