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About forty-eight hours after the Obediences for the new academic year had been announced by the Superior General, Sister Mary Pius Ward was called to her eternal reward after a comparatively brief illness. At the time of her death Sister Pius was in the seventy-seventh year of her age and the forty-eighth of her religious life.

Sister Pius had been brought to the Motherhouse infirmary in the early part of July from St. Francis Assisi, Chicago. For nineteen years Sister Pius had worked at St. Francis Assisi. In August, 1918 she had been assigned to this mission where she taught the third or fourth grade during seventeen years. During the summer of 1935 Sister Pius was ill in the infirmary of the motherhouse. She remained at the motherhouse convalescing until October 9, 1935. On that day she returned to St. Francis Assisi, taking charge of the convent chapel and helping out in general. She kept this charge until her last illness.

Rev. Thomas Rust, chaplain of the motherhouse, was celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass on August 23. Rev. Angelus Zivisler, OFM, as subdeacon. Father Angelus is chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet; Father Cassian, chaplain at the Guardian Angel Home.

Sister Pius was buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. The prayers at the grave were said by Father Thomas. Her death occurred at 8:23 pm (Daylight Saving Time).