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Sister Amalia Winkler

Sister M. Amalia, formerly Mary Winkler of St. Francis Parish in Chicago, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Chicago, on June 13, 1916, after an operation for fibroid tumors, in the 43rd year of her age and the 24th of her religious life. She had received her early education and learning at St. Francis School of the aforesaid parish, which had a high reputation when she attended there. Sister Amalia was the happy possessor of an amiable disposition and a tractable character. Most of her heart's training and aspiration to a devout inner life she had imbibed from the guidance of Father Michael, who had been her confessor and constant advisor while she taught in St. John's School at Joliet. Strange that her death was so nearly coincident with his! Sister Amalia was a pleasant and cheerful companion, and as superior evinced a motherly care for her subjects. She was also quite efficient as teacher, to her sway and winning ways, backward, overgrown lads subjected themselves with readiness and docility; hence she was generally beloved by all and they grieved much at her loss.

Sister had suffered severe pain in her leg and loin for which medicines and home remedies proved ineffective. She dreaded the thought of a probable operation and put her whole confidence in the help from Saint Anthony and in the efficacy of prayer in general. Her condition, however, became more serious and in the beginning of June she became unable to fulfill her duties in the classroom. Her doctor advised an immediate removal to a hospital as an operation might prove beneficial and might save her life. With reluctance she finally consented to this proposal and was at once taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Her condition, however, had become so complicated that no hope was entertained for her recovery. She on her part was fully aware of this and resignedly accepted God's Will, making an offering of her life for the conversion of her wayward sister. Fortified by the last sacraments she entered the portals of eternity without fear.

The remains were brought back to East Side, Chicago, the scene of her labors. The solemn Requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. P. Suerth of Saint Francis de Sales Parish. Burial took place in St. Mary's Cemetery, Chicago, on June 15, 1916.