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Sister Bernadine Birkenbach

On March 5, 1881 Sister M. Bernadine, formerly Anna Birkenbach of St. Mary's Congregation, Columbus, Ohio, died of consumption at the Motherhouse at Joliet, in the eighteenth year of her age and the third of her religious life. During her long and painful illness she greatly edified her companions in religion by her entire submission to God's holy decree. An aunt of hers by her mother's side, who was a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Namur in Cincinnati, Ohio, was anxious that her niece should join that Order, but Anna had always attended the school taught by the Sisters of Joliet, Illinois, and felt she should serve God in that Community.