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Sister M. Johanna Albert

A little more than twenty-four hours after the appointments for the year had been announced, one of the Sisters whose name appeared on the list for the Motherhouse was called by death. Sister M. Johanna Albert died at the Motherhouse shortly after midnight -12:05 a.m. on August 20, 1936. At the time of her death Sister was in the seventy-sixty year of her age and the forty-ninth of her religious life.

Doctor A. H. Fahrner who had been her physician for a number of years gave the following as the cause of her death: Chronic fibroid tuberculosis and heat stroke. Sister Johanna had been in poor health for many years, and during the last three or four years of her life she had been confined to the infirmary for the greater part of the time. But even during those years she never felt the least bit better and stronger, she managed to return to duty in the Community sewing room of which she had been in charge since 1899. So for thirty-seven years she had made the religious clothing for all the members of the Community. As the Community increased in membership, Sister Johanna was assisted by one or more postulants and novices whom she trained. After their profession these Sisters did not stay on as her assistants. Sister seemed to prefer to train in new assistants. The one exception to this was Sister Thaddeus who had remained as Sister's assistant after she had made vows and who during the past several years managed the details of the sewing room under Sister Johanna's instructions. Sister Johanna's systematic routine and management were well known facts. She always required conscientious and exact work from those under her charge, but she was no less conscientious and exacting with herself, in fact more so. Her example rather than her words was the power which influenced others. She was always a faithful and conscientious religious.

The funeral Mass was celebrated in the chapel of the Motherhouse and Novitiate on August 22, 1936. The Rev. Nicholas Christoffel, O.F.M. was the celebrant. The Rev. Angelus Zwiesler, O.F.M. was deacon and the Rev. Ulric Landolt, O.F.M. was subdeacon. The remains were buried in Saint John's Cemetery, Joliet.