

SISTER M. MELANIA BAUMGARTNER

231. OCTOBER 26, 1939

Sister M. Melania, Elizabeth Baumgartner, died at the Motherhouse on October 26, 1939, at 7p.m., in her 77th year and her 47th in religious life. She died of chronic myocarditis, chronic bronchitis, and acute cardiac dilation. Services were held in the Motherhouse Chapel on October 30 at 8:15 a.m. with burial in St. John Cemetery, Joliet, IL.

Elizabeth was born on September 19, 1863, in St. Mary's, PA, to Frank and Christine Didlot Baumgartner. Her parents were European born near the area known as Alsace-Lorraine. There is no record of when they left Europe, or Pennsylvania. Elizabeth became a postulant in Joliet on November 19, 1892, from St. Joseph Parish, Galion, OH. She was nearly 30 years old when she began her Novitiate on May 17, 1893, and almost 32 when she professed her First Vows on July 2, 1895. She professed Final Vows on August 11, 1898.

Sister Melania devoted her years in the community to domestic work at the following locations:

1894-96 St. Dionysius, Cicero, IL
1896-97 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL
1897-98 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL
1898-00 Ss. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL
1900-03 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL
1903-04 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL
1904-06 St. Dionysius, Cicero, IL'
1906-07 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL
1907-08 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL
1908-18 Annunciation, Aurora, IL
1918-21 St. Michael, Sigel, IL
1921-22 St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL
1922-24 Annunciation, Aurora, IL
1924-28 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL
1928-35 St. Francis Prep, Joliet, IL
1935-39 St. Francis Convent Infirmary Patient

N.B. Sister Frederica was a niece to Sister Melania.