



Sister Edward Gmuca

Sister Mary Edward Gmuca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gmuca of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, passed to her eternal reward after a lingering illness, at St. Francis Convent, Joliet, Illinois, the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, on Saturday, July 11, 1931, in her thirty-fifth year and the seventeenth of her religious life.

Her mother, her brother, Rev. Stanislaus Gmuca, O.S.B., of Cleveland, Ohio, and her sister, Sister Mary Monica, O.S.F., also a niece, were with her in her last illness and at her bedside when she breathed her last.

Sister Mary Edward was of a lovable and amiable disposition, and bore her illness with heroic patience and resignation to God's Holy Will. She had taught successfully in parochial schools at Streator, Illinois, Chicago, and Johnstown.

Her beloved parents, two brothers, Rev. Father Stanislaus, O.S.B. and Mrs. Anthony Gmuca of Johnstown, and four sisters, Sister Mary Monica O.S.F. Mrs. Mary Lison and Mrs. Joseph Podrasky of Johnstown, and Mrs. Anna Goga of Cleveland, are left to mourn her loss.

The obsequies took place in the chapel of St. Francis Convent, Joliet Illinois, Tuesday, July 14, the Rev. Stanislaus Gmuca, O.S.B., celebrating the solemn Requiem High Mass, assisted by the Rev. Michael Zamba, her cousin, of Portage, Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Eligius Weir, O.F.M. Rev. Louis Johantges was master of ceremonies.

Present in the sanctuary were: Rev. Procopius Neuzil, O.S.B., Saint Procopius Priory, Lisle, Illinois, Rev. Charles Florek, O.S.B. pastor of St. Michael's Slovak parish, Chicago, Rev. Ambrose Ondrak, O.S.B. Ass't at St. Michael's Slovak parish, Chicago, Rev. George Dzurya, Ass't of Saint Stephen's parish, Streator, Illinois and Rev. Brother Rudolph, O.S.B. from Lisle, Illinois.

In accordance with the liturgy of the Church, one Nocturn and Lauds is said on burial day. This went into effect and was carried out the first time at Sister Mary Edward's funeral. One half-hour before the Requiem High Mass the "Office of the Dead" was chanted by the entire community in presence of the corpse.