

SISTER M. CASIMIR GONIA

447. AUGUST 31, 1968

Sister Casimir, formerly Edna Gonia of Bayfield, WI, died on August 31, 1968 at 4:45 a.m. while in residence at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL. Sister was in her 79th year and the 60th of her religious life. Death caused by acute myocardial failure with arteriosclerosis. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Angels on September 3, at 10 a.m. followed by burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL.

Edna Gonia was born on November 13, 1889, in Wood County, WI, to Joseph and Julia Finney Gonia. She entered the community from Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, on September 8, 1906. She became Sister Casimir when she began her Novitiate on March 10, 1907. She pronounced her First Vows on August 12, 1909, and her Final Vows on August 15, 1915. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1934, and Golden in 1959. Her mission record included:

1908-10	St. Procopius, Chicago, IL	Domestic work
1910-12	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH ✓	Sacristan
1912-13	St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL	Domestic work
1913-14	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL	Sacristan
1914-15	St. Patrick, Galion, OH	Domestic work
1915-16	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH ✓	Sacristan
1916-18	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Domestic work
1918-19	St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL	Domestic work
1919	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	Assistant prefect
1919-20	St. Joseph, Galion, OH	Domestic work
1920-21	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	Assistant prefect
1921-22	St. Clement, Chicago, IL	Sacristan
1922-26	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	Sacristan
1926-27	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH ✓	Domestic work
1927-28	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing
1928-29	Assisi Junior College, Joliet, IL	Portress
1929-31	St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL	Switchboard operator
1931-57	Holy Family, Bayfield, WI:	Back and forth with

Various assignments: Assistant prefect, Domestic, Sacristan
1931-57 also included:

Convalescing at times during these years at these places:
St. Francis Assisi, Red Cliff, WI; St. Bernard, Joliet, IL;
St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL; St. Clement, Chicago, IL;
St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL; Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL;
St. Francis Prep, Joliet, IL; St. Pascal, Chicago, IL
Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, Chapel, general work

1954-60 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL General work, small girls
1960-61 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL Offset room
1961-62 St. Pius X, Lombard, IL until January
1962-68 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL