

SISTER M. URSULA GRUBER
272. JUNE 3, 1946

Sister M. Ursula, formerly Walburga Gruber, of St. Francis Assisi Parish, Chicago, IL, died Monday, June 3, 1946, after six months of suffering with cancer of the rectum. Funeral services were held on June 6 in the Motherhouse Chapel. Franciscan Friars were the celebrants with Claretians from St. Francis Assisi Parish, Chicago, IL present in the sanctuary. Burial took place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet, IL.

Walburga was born February 18, 1870, in Dietmans, Austria, like her father, Franz Gruber. Her mother Anna Maria Kahl was born in Allweistra, Austria. The family was living in Chicago when Walburga became a postulant in Joliet on March 19, 1889, with the recommendation of Franciscan Friar Maximilian Neumann of St. Peter's Church. She began her Novitiate on August 12, 1889, as Sister M. Ursula. She professed her First Vows on August 12, 1891, and her Final Vows on July 24, 1894. A younger sister, Theresa, came to the community in 1893, took the name of Sister Crescentia, made her Final Vows in 1899, and died of diabetes on July 5, 1905. Sister Ursula became a naturalized citizen of the United States, May 24, 1923, while she was teaching in Aurora, Kane County, IL. She celebrated Golden Jubilee in 1941.

Sister M. Ursula's Mission Record:	Grades:
1890-91 St. Stephen, Streator, IL	Organist 1,2
1891-94 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL	Organist 1,2,3
1894-12 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL	Organist 1 - 7
1912-17 St. Dionysius, Cicero, IL	Superior/Principial Organist 3,4,5,6
1917-27 Annunciation, Aurora, IL	Superior/Principal Organist 5,6,7,8
1927-45 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	Organist 7,8
1938-45 " " " " "	" Organist/Sacristan
October 12, 1945 St. Francis Convent Infirmary	Patient