

SISTER M. CECILIA HARTMANN
129. JUNE 16, 1921

Sister M. Cecilia, Mary Hartmann, daughter of John and Philippine Haberer, died of gall bladder trouble and bronchial pneumonia on June 16, 1921, at the Motherhouse, in her 65th year and the 50th of her religious life.

This is the notice in the obituary record of the Community. Sister Cecilia had written such notices for many years. She had also given a short life history of the deceased Sister in the annals, just as Mother Angela had done before her until 1902.

Although Sister Cecilia had lived with the Sisters from July 31, 1864 until her death, she was only permitted to become a postulant in 1869, after her 12th birthday. Her sister, Anna, who also was reared by the Sisters died in 1878, at the age of 16 with thypoid fever. Sister Cecilia's father paid the Sisters to care for his children and in her later years Sister Cecilia cared for her father's funeral and burial as well as corresponding with his relatives who lived in Germany. The Hartmann children were naturalized along with their father in 1864.

Sister Cecilia was known to be a person of many talents but especially for her musical ability. Her contemporaries wrote of her:

"Her name recalls the musical genius of our community. God called her home to heaven a month before her Golden Jubilee and the last strains of her harmonious chords blended with the heavenly sanctus of the blessed."

"In imitation of her patroness, St. Cecilia, Sister who also was a born musician, instilled her genteel and feminine qualities into her youthful choir members, one rehearsal after another. At times, Sister appeared restrained and coolly self-controlled to a fault." So reads St. John Parish account.

Sister Cecilia Hartmann encouraged Edna Downey, a music student who entered as a postulant on September 7, 1920. Since Sister Cecilia died on June 16, 1921, Edna continued the tradition of music when she was given the name on August 12, 1921.

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Born: May 10, 1857 in Joliet, IL

Parents: John Hartmann
Philippine Haberer who died in St. John the
Baptist Church fire on July 31, 1864.

Orphans: Anna and Mary Hartmann lived with the Sisters
Anna died of typhoid fever on May 15, 1878, at
age 16yrs, 2months and 10 days.

Aspirant: 1865-1869

Postulancy: July 19, 1869

Novitiate: July 9, 1871

First Vows: November 26, 1873

Final Vows: November 26, 1873

Died: Thursday, June 16, 1921 in her 65th year
50th of religious life

Mission Record:

1867-68 St. Joseph, Mendota, IL
1868-69 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL
1869-70 St. Anthony, Effingham, IL
1870-71 St. Nicholas, Aurora, IL
1871-72 St. Anthony, St. Louis, MO
1872-73 St. Peter, Kirkwood, MO
1873-79 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL
1879-81 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL
1881-84 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL
1884-88 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
1888-90 St. Joseph, Galion, OH
1890-93 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
1893-94 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL
1894-95 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
1895-97 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH
1897-98 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL
1898-99 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL
1899-01 Sts. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL
1901-02 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
1902-21 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL

Died: June 16, 1921

Cemetery: St. John, Joliet, IL with Sisters
Family Plot is Number 208 in same cemetery