



Sister Adelaide Heitzig

Sister M. Adelaide, daughter of William Heitzig and Ottilia Wileke, died February 6, 1930, at 2:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet, Illinois from the effects of a goitre ligation. Sister Adelaide was in the sixty-fifth year of her age and the forty-fifth year of her religious life.

For forty-four years she labored in the classroom, pruning and trimming young hearts for the Master, and because of her zeal, ardor and prayers many a budding heart grew to lovely maturity. Ever loyal to her sacred task, she clung unflinchingly to her post in spite of the tell-tale mark each passing year left upon her fragile frame. At length a lingering illness confined her to the infirmary where she hoped to gain sufficient strength to enable her to return to the classroom. A few weeks previous to her death, however, she remarked to several novices that "the bud had blossomed and was now ready to fold its petals." Who can doubt that the bright Angel of Death transplanted it to bloom forever at the Master's feet.

The funeral Mass, a solemn Requiem Mass, was celebrated in the Motherhouse chapel. The Rev. Louis Johantges, O.F.M., was the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Claude Rust, O.F.M., and Rev. Roman Wasenstab, O.F.M. as deacon and subdeacon.

Rev. Louis Johantges, O.F.M., gave the last absolution. Sister Adelaide was buried on St. John's Cemetery.