

SISTER M. STEPHANA HORAK  
252. JANUARY 19, 1943

Sister M. Stephana, formerly Beatrice Horak, the daughter of Anton and Mary Lanik Horak, was born in Moravia, Czechoslovakia, on November 27, 1873. We have no record of when Beatrice came to the United States but in 1940, she did register as an alien according to our laws. Beatrice was 17 years old when she came to Joliet to begin her postulancy. On her questionnaire she states that her guardian gave permission; no mention is made of her parents. After completing her postulancy on May 31, 1892, Beatrice became Sister M. Stephana, then on July 2, 1895, she professed her First Vows, and then Final Vows on August 15, 1901.

Sister Stephana's Mission Record includes: Grades:

1893-94	St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL	1
1894-97	St. Procopius, Chicago, IL	2
1897-99	St. Stephen, Streator, IL	1,2,3
1899-08	St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL	1
1908-09	St. Procop, Cleveland, OH	2
1909-11	St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA	4
1911-13	St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL	5
1913-19	St. Procopius, Chicago, IL	6,7
1919-21	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	5,6
1921-23	St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL	6
1923-24	Holy Family, Cleveland, OH	4
1924-28	St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL	2,3,4,5
	Superior and Principal	
1928-32	St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA	5,6
1932-35	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL	4,5
1935-36	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	5
1936-39	St. Procopius, Chicago, IL	6
September 1939	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	5

On October 9, 1939, Sister Stephana came home to St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, to receive help for her hypertension. Until her death on January 19, 1943, she did light house work and helped with the meals for the hired men, whenever she was able. She was 69 years old at the time of her death and in the 51st year of her religious life.