

SISTER M. FIDELIS KLIPFEL

229. JANUARY 11, 1939

Sister M. Fidelis, formerly Catherine Klipfel of New Hamburg, MO, died at the Motherhouse on January 11, 1939 at 7:06 p.m., in her 77th year and the 60th of her religious life. Her funeral services were held in the Motherhouse Chapel on January 14 with burial in St. John Cemetery, Joliet, IL. Her death was due to carcinoma of the stomach with chronic myocarditis and cardiac hypertrophy as contributory causes.

Catherine was born to Anton and Johanna Schwetter, both originally from Alsace-Lorraine, on August 11, 1862. She began her postulancy in Joliet on August 15, 1876, shortly after her 14th birthday. She became a novice, Sister Fidelis, on January 14, 1879. She professed her First Vows on August 5, 1881, and her Final Vows on August 9, 1884. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1931. Her older sister, Mary, had also been a member of the community, Sister Mary of the Assumption. She died on June 13, 1901, of appendicitis in Streator, IL, but is buried in St. John Cemetery, Joliet, IL.

Sister Fidelis did domestic work throughout her religious life. She served on the following missions:

1879-80 Ss. Peter & Paul, Leonore, IL
1880-81 St. John, Jefferson, WI
1881-82 Ss. Peter & Paul, Leonore, IL
1882-84 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL
1884-85 St. Joseph, LaPointe, WI
1885-87 St. Francis Assisi, Red Cliff, WI
1887-90 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL
1890-91 St. Stanislas, St. Louis, MO
1891-93 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL
1893-94 St. Mary, Columbus, OH
1894-95 St. Joseph, Galion, OH
1895-96 St. Mary, Columbus, OH
1896-97 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL
1897-98 St. Stephen, Streator, IL
1898-00 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL
1900-06 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
1906-07 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL
1907-08 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL
1908-10 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL
1910- St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL
1910-39 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL