

SISTER M. MATTHIA LAURICH
258. JUNE 9, 1944

Sister M. Matthia, formerly Agnes Laurich of Joliet, died at the Motherhouse on Friday, June 9, 1944 at 9:52 a.m. She was in her 50th year and the 31st of her religious life. The cause of death was acute dilation of the heart for ten days resulting from seventeen years of chronic myocarditis and toxic goiter of unknown duration.

Sister M. Matthia was waked at the Motherhouse until 4:30 p.m. Sunday when the remains were taken to St. Joseph Church, Joliet, for viewing until 9:30 p.m. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Rev. M.J. Butala with many other clergy, Sisters, relatives, children, friends, present. Burial took place in St. Joseph Cemetery, Joliet, in the Laurich family plot.

Agnes was the daughter of Matthew and Frances Sega Laurich, originally of Loski Potok, Jugoslavia, born on November 8, 1893. Her birthplace is not recorded, but it is very likely this same place. No date is given for the family arriving in the United States, but Matthew became a citizen on May 8, 1911, when Agnes was 17 years old. As a minor she became a citizen with her father.

Agnes entered the postulancy from St. Joseph Parish, Joliet, on January 11, 1913, and became Sister M. Matthia, as a Novice on August 12, 1913. She professed her First Vows on August 12, 1915 and Final Vows on August 12, 1919. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1940 with Sisters: Leo, Edith, Vitalis, Emmanuel, Inez, Methoda, Englebert, RoseAngela, Roberta, Natalia.

Sister Matthia's Mission Record: Grades:

1914-15 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA	3
1915-40 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL	1,2,4,5,6,7
1940-41 St. Joseph, Pesotum, IL	1,2,3
1941-42 Immaculate Conception, Kankakee, IL	1,2,3,4
1942 until October 18 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL	1
1942-44 St. Francis Convent Infirmary, Joliet, IL	