

SISTER M. VITALIS MISKO
455. JUNE 20, 1969

Sister M. Vitalis, formerly Mary Misko, died at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Friday, June 20, 1969, at 12:12 a.m. The diseases that led to her death were: cancer, diabetes, congestive heart disease. Sister Vitalis was in her 78th year and the 57th of religious life. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 23, in Our Lady of Angels Chapel at 10 a.m., followed by burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL.

Mary was born on February 2, 1892, to Andrew and Mary Dzopko Misko, in Johnstown, PA. Both her parents were born in Slovakia. Mary came to the postulancy in her 21st year with the recommendation of Rev. John Martvon, Pastor of St. Stephen Parish, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Having begun her postulancy on September 6, 1912, she entered the Novitiate as Sister Vitalis on March 6, 1913. She pronounced her First Vows on March 6, 1915, and her Final Vows on August 12, 1919. Sister Vitalis earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from De Paul University, Chicago, IL, in 1938. During the Diamond Jubilee of the Congregation, 1940, Sister Vitalis was a Silver Jubilarian, again in 1965, during the Centenary Celebration, she was among the Golden Jubilarians.

Sister Vitalis' Mission Record included:	Grades:
1914 St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL	2
1914-23 St. Stephen, Streator, IL	2-7
1923-31 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA	7,8
1931-34 Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL	Superior/Principal 8
1934-40 St. Stephen, Streator, IL	Superior/Principal 8
1940-41 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	Prefect of girls
1941-47 Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL	Superior/Principal 7,8
1947-49 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL	7,8
1949-55 Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL	Superior/Principal 7,8
1955-56 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA	7
1956-62 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL	Superior/Principal 7
1962-69 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL	7,4

Sister Vitalis suffered intensely during her final years on this earth, but remained cheerful through it all. As far back as 1958, she knew of the seriousness of her diseases. As is evident from her record above, she continued to teach until the end of the school year. Sister Vitalis became a patient at Our Lady of Angels on June 8, and was ready for her heavenly home, when she departed this life on June 20.