



Sister Isabelle Mueller

Death did not tarry long before returning to claim another member of the Community. Sister M. Isabelle Mueller died at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Joliet on August 5, 1934 at 3:10 a.m. Although she had been in ill health during almost the whole of her religious life, nevertheless her death at this time was quite unexpected since her physical condition for the past two or three years seemed to have improved considerably. About a week before she died Sister had complained of a severe sore throat. When the usual remedies produced no result her doctor had been called, but in spite of the prescribed medication, the high temperature persisted and her general condition did not improve. The doctor ordered her to the hospital. On Saturday word was received at the Convent that Sister Isabelle had been anointed - that she was dangerously ill and that hopes for her recovery were slight. Her sister, Sister M. Warina, who had been summoned from Chicago, (School Sister of St. Francis from Milwaukee) was with her when she died. Her death was the result of pulmonary tuberculosis and Ischio-rectal abscess.

A Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Thomas Rust, O.F.M., the new-appointed chaplain, on August 7. The Rev. Pascal Rollmann, O.F.M., and the Rev. Constantine Bach, O.F.M. assisted as deacon and subdeacon. Sister Isabelle was buried in St. John's Cemetery in Joliet.

After her profession, Sister Isabelle had taught for two successive years, the third year she substituted for a time. After that she had been confined to the convent infirmary for more than five years. When she left the infirmary (occasionally she returned for short periods) she was assigned to the Academy where she assisted as portress and switchboard operator. The two years previous to her death she had been on duty as infirmarian for the College students. At the time of her death Sister was in the forty-seventh year of her age and the twentieth of her religious life, counting from her re-admission into the Community in the month of October, 1912.