

SISTER M. LEONISSA SCHAEFER
271. FEBRUARY 23, 1946

Sister M. Leonissa, Mary Schaefer of St. Bernard, NE, daughter of Michael and Susanna Weber Schaefer, died at the St. Francis Convent on Saturday, February 23, 1946, at 6:15a.m., in her 69th year and the 49th of her religious life. Sister Aloysia, her older sister, had died on July 13, 1940, in her 72nd year and the 56th of her religious life. The cause of her death was general carcinomatosis.

Mary Schaefer was born July 21, 1877, in Mt. Calvary, WI. She entered the postulancy from St. Bernard, NE, on January 19, 1897. She became Sister M. Leonissa on August 2, 1897 when she began her Novitiate. Her First Profession of Vows was August 15, 1899, and Final Vows on August 12, 1905. Sister Leonissa received her Bachelor of Education Degree from DePaul University, Chicago, IL, on August 5, 1929. Her thesis was entitled, "Divorce- A National Problem."

Her Mission Record includes:	Grades:
1898-16 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL	1,2,3,4,5,6,7
1916-22 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL Superior/Principal	6,7,8
1922-23 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL	7,8
1923-32 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL Superior/Principal	8
1932-33 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL Convalescing	
1933-37 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL Superior/Principal	
1937-46 St. Francis Convent Infirmary	Patient

Sister Leonissa was no stranger to physical suffering. She had undergone surgery for goiter difficulties in 1916 and again in 1931. The surgery in 1935 for a chronic fibroid condition preceded the discovery of the cancerous condition of the uterus and then general carcinomatosis that eventually took her life.