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Sister Susanna Skrinar

Sister Mary Susanna Skrinar died at the Motherhouse on the feast of St. Anthony about 6:18 p.m.

Just as the Community at the Motherhouse sat down to dinner in the refectory on Friday, June 12, Sister Susanna was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. She had come into the refectory with the other Sisters, said the table prayers with them, and succumbed immediately after. She was taken to the infirmary at once and the priest and doctor called. Father Thomas, the Chaplain, administered Extreme Unction. Sister lingered until the next evening. This was not the first stroke which Sister Susanna suffered. For some years she had been under the doctor's care. Ordinarily, her blood pressure was quite high. She has been taken from the charge of the kitchen at the Academy and assigned to easier work in smaller and more quiet places. In August, 1935, she had been assigned to assist with domestic work at St. Francis Xavier Mission Chicago. While going about her work early in the fall, she suffered a stroke and was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital, Chicago. After a short time she recovered sufficiently to be able to be brought to the Motherhouse infirmary on October 28. After several months spent in the infirmary, Sister Susanna, although convalescing, was able to follow in part the various Community exercises. On June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi, she participated in the out-door procession of the Blessed Sacrament, together with the other convalescing Sisters at the foot of the Community porch steps from where the several altars at which Benediction was to be given were visible. The same afternoon she attended the Commencement Exercises at the Academy. A favorite niece of hers was a member of the graduating class and Sister had for a long time anticipated the pleasure of being present for the occasion.

At the time of her death Sister Susanna was in the fifty-first year of her age and the thirty-fourth of her religious life. The solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the chapel of the Motherhouse by the Reverend Eligius Weir, O.F.M., assisted by the Rev. F. A. Bellrive, assistant pastor of St. Raymond's and the Rev. Mathias Hiti, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's, Joliet.

After Sister Susanna's death one of her brothers requested that she be buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet on the family lot. The Superior General and the Council had decided to grant the request. However, when her brother approached the Rev. John Plevnik, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, he found that Father Plevnik did not approve of this. He said that none of the other Sisters, even those most intimately connected with St. Joseph's had been buried on this cemetery. Sister Susanna was therefore laid to rest beside the other members of the Community in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet.