

SISTER M. ERNESTINE STRAUSBAUGH  
249. NOVEMBER 1, 1942

Sister Ernestine, formerly Marian Strausbaugh, was born in Peru, Indiana, on October 26, 1891, to Louis and Mathilda Wonderly Strausbaugh. Both of her parents had been born in Ohio. Marian entered the postulancy from St. Mary Parish, Elgin, IL, on November 1, 1917, shortly after she turned 26 years old. She received her name, Sister M. Ernestine, on August 12, 1918, when she became a Novice. She professed First Vows on August 12, 1920, and Final Vows on August 12, 1923.

Sister Ernestine's Mission Record includes:		Grades:
1920-21	St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA	4
1921-22	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL	3,4
1922-24	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	4
1924-26	Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL	2,3
1926-27	Annunciation, Aurora, IL	4,5,6
1927-32	St. Boniface, Chicago, IL	4,5
1932-33	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH	4
1933-34	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL	4
1934-36	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	(Convalescing)
1936-37	St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL	Art Department
1937-38	St. Clement, Chicago, IL	Substituting
1938-41	St. Boniface, Chicago, IL	2
1941-42	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	(Convalescing)

Sister Ernestine suffered from ill health for much of her life in the community. She was hospitalized at various places during the two year term: 1934-36. The final years of her life were filled with much physical suffering. The doctor noted the following on her death certificate:

"This patient had been operated upon in Chicago, IL, on January 22, 1940, for a tumor of the right infra clavicular area in January, 1941. She was re-operated in the same city for a secondary hyper nephroma of the left kidney. Operation revealed a large inoperable retroperitoneal lympho sarcoma."

She was in her 52nd year when she died on November 1, 1942, the 25th anniversary of the day she had entered as a postulant!