

SISTER M. JOVITA THOMPSON
266. NOVEMBER 17, 1945

Sister M. Jovita, formerly Mary Anna Thompson, of St. Francis Assisi Parish, Chicago, IL, died at the Motherhouse on Saturday, November 17, 1945, at 1:30 p.m. She was 75 years old with 57 years in religious life.

Mary Anna was the daughter of Charles Thompson, originally of Christiana, Sweden, and Katherine Schneble Thompson, originally of Baden, Germany. Mary was born in Chicago, IL, on December 4, 1870. She entered as a postulant on January 28, 1888, began her Novitiate as Sister M. Jovita on August 15, 1888, made First Vows on August 12, 1890 and Final Vows on August 1, 1893. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1940.

Sister Jovita's Mission Record included:

1889-94 St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Grades 2,3,5,6,7
1894-96 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL	Grades 6,7,8
1896-01 St. Dionysius, Cicero, IL	Superior/Principal Grades 5,6,7,8
1901-04 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL	Grades 7,8,9
1904-10 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH	Superior/Principal Grades 8,9
1910-11 St. Clement, Chicago, IL	Superior/Principal Grades 7,8
1911-15 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL	Principal Grades 7,8
1915-21 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL	Sophomores Social Studies, Botany, Domestic, Latin, Library
1921-23 St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Superior/Principal
1923-25 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Normal School
1925-28 Assisi Junior College, Joliet, IL	History, Library
1928-32 Assisi Junior College, Joliet, IL	Library
1932-44 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Congregation Councillor
Simultaneously	
1932-34 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL	Dean
1944-45 St. Francis Convent Infirmary, Joliet, IL	Convalescing

Sister Jovita was well prepared for her teaching and library assignments. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in 1920 and Master of Arts in 1921 from DePaul University, Chicago, IL, then Summer Sessions at University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana for Library Science, 1924-26. Besides her teaching and library duties, Sister Jovita found time to write for educational journals; two pen names she used were J. Vita Jolie and Marian Thomas, the latter easily derived from her name, the former cleverly formed!

Among Sister Jovita's former students who sent condolences at the time of her death were: Bishop Michael J. Ready, Columbus, OH, Sister Jovita, OSU, Cleveland, OH. Ralph Murphy, Lawyer in Joliet, invited Sister to a class reunion, but she had already died.