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Sister Polycarp Thompson

On September 10, 1907, Sister M. Polycarp, formerly Catherine Thompson died of tuberculosis at the Motherhouse in Joliet, Illinois. She was in the twenty-third year of her age and the sixth of her religious life. When about fourteen years of age her father, a widower who had four children in the Guardian Angel Home in Joliet, begged the Sister Superior in charge to admit this daughter also as the woman with whom he had placed her tried to estrange her from him and to persuade her to adopt her religious creed. He himself had been born and reared in the Lutheran doctrine, but from the time he placed ^{his} children in care of the Sisters at the Home he never objected to their being instructed in the Catholic faith. In due time they were all baptized, but it took a long time to wean this daughter from the prejudices she had imbibed from her first mistress. At length she felt herself not only drawn to become a child of the Catholic Church, but also expressed the desire to enter the religious state. During the few short years of her life she proved herself a devout child of Holy Church as well as a dutiful and obedient religious.