

SISTER M. MARGARET TUREK
241. JUNE 22, 1941

Sister M. Margaret, formerly Clara Turek of Chicago, IL, died at St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet, IL, on Sunday, June 22, 1941 at 11:20 p.m., in her 48th year and 24th in religious life. Funeral services were held in the Motherhouse Chapel on Wednesday, June 25, at 8:15 a.m. Burial was made in St. John Cemetery, Joliet, IL.

Clara was born on June 16, 1894, in Chicago, IL to John and Margaret Firpach Turek, both natives of Bohemia. Clara came to the postulancy from St. Procopius Parish, Chicago, IL, on January 14, 1912, but left on April 19, 1912, due to poor health. Clara returned to the postulancy on January 22, 1917. She entered the Novitiate as Sister M. Margaret on August 12, 1917, made her First Vows on August 12, 1919, and her Final Vows on August 12, 1922.

Sister Margaret's mission record included:

1918-19	Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Chicago, IL	Grade 2
1919-20	St. Procopius, Chicago, IL	Grade 2
1920-24	St. Procop, Cleveland, OH	Grade 2
	St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL	Convalescing
1924-26	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing
1926-28	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH	Grades 3,4
1928-29	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL	Grade 4
	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing
1930-31	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	Grade 1
1931-34	Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Chicago, IL	Grades 4,5
1934-37	St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL	Domestic work
Sept. 24 to October 11, 1935	Holy Cross, Joliet, IL	Grades 7,8
April 23, 1937	St. Boniface, Chicago, IL	Domestic work
1937-39	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL	Grades 3,4,5
1939-40	St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL	Domestic work
	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing
1940-41	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lillyville, IL	Domestic work

Sister Margaret experienced poor health throughout many of her years in the community. In October, 1930, the doctors at the Mayo Clinic were unable to find the cause of her back pain. In September, 1934, the Mayo Clinic report included the discovery of old scars from tuberculosis of the lung. No cause was discovered for the weakness she often experienced in her extremities. Sister was hospitalized in October, 1938. Finally on June 6, 1941, Doctor Wettstein performed emergency surgery at the Effingham Clinic, in Effingham, IL. Sister came to St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet, on June 19 and died there on June 22. The cause of death was given as peritonitis due to an empyaema of the gall bladder for one week before her death.