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Sister Charles Weidemann

On March 4, 1907, Sister M. Charles, formerly Mary Weidemann of St. Boniface Parish, Chicago, died of tuberculosis in the thirty-fourth year of her age and the eighteenth of her religious life. While still very young she felt a calling to the religious life. She became a zealous teacher and student and her endeavors were blessed with success. When it became apparent that her health would no longer permit her to teach, the battle between nature and grace was a most trying ordeal for her, but she fought bravely and very soon she came out victorious, being entirely resigned to God's Holy Decrees. When taking leave of her devoted mother at her last visit to her beloved child, the dying sister summoned courage to request her not to come again until her soul had departed hence, saying, "You know, mother, I want to be all alone with God when I am dying!" This request, far from increasing the mother's sadness, was to her a great consolation.