

SISTER M. VIVIAN WILM

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The Johnstown, PA, newspaper published the following:

SISTER M. VIVIAN DIES;

TAUGHT HERE A NUMBER OF YEARS

Sister M. Vivian, a member of the Johnstown Catholic High School faculty for 20 years, died unexpectedly yesterday at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Joliet, IL, where she had been spending the summer. She was 45 years old.

One of the most popular teachers at the local Catholic school, Sister Vivian was the only member of the faculty who had been at the school since it first opened in 1922. She had planned to return to her teaching duties here during the coming term.

The well known Catholic High instructor observed her 25th jubilee on June 23 last, at which she made her solemn renewal of vows during the jubilee ceremonies in Joliet. Survivors in Chicago, IL: Mrs. Agnes Wilm, 85 year old mother, siblings: Betty McLeod, Anna Finucane, John Wilm. Solemn High Mass of requiem will be conducted for the deceased at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis. Attending the services from Johnstown will be Rev. Father Thomas T. Cawley, Principal of the Johnstown Catholic High School; Coletta Arbaugh, Rose Marie Burkhardt and Mildred Hasse.

The students and alumni of Johnstown's Central Catholic High School erected a memorial placque to Sister Vivian on Room 200, and honored her in the year book of Memories for 1943 graduation. The commemorative booklet of the first 20 years of the school also pictured Sister Vivian with the other founding members of the faculty.

Sister Vivian, formerly Agnes Wilm of St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, was born on March 8, 1897, and came to Joliet as a postulant on December 8, 1914, she entered the Novitiate on August 12, 1915, professed her First Vows on August 12, 1917, and her Final Vows on August 12, 1920.

Sister Vivian's Mission Record includes:

1916-17 Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL Grades: 5-8
1917-18 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL Grade: 4
1918-22 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH Grades: 5, 6, 7
1922-42 Central Catholic H.S. (St. Stephen res.) Johnstown, PA
During her twenty years at Central Catholic Sister Vivian had taught a wide variety of subjects. She was very well prepared to teach the social studies with a Bachelor of Arts from DePaul University of Chicago. Her thesis was entitled: RECREATION-A FACTOR IN THE TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP.

After graduating from De Paul in August, 1927, Sister Vivian began her studies in the summers at Loyola University, Chicago, IL. On August 4, 1933, she received her Master of Arts in Sociology. The title of her thesis was: CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS TO THE SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Sister Vivian died within 15 minutes after suffering a pulmonary embolism. She had suffered with varicose ulcerated legs for the last four years of her life.