

## NECROLOGY

### Our Lady of Hope Province North America

SISTER MARY FULGENTA PIASECKI, CSSF, 87, died in Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Chicago, Illinois, after having lived 71 years in religious life.

Sister Mary Fulgenta was born to Andrew and Thecla Piasecki on November 15, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois. She was the third oldest child in the family. Holy Innocents Parish was the setting of her baptism on November 22, 1922, at which time she received the name Antoinette.

Having a strong Catholic faith and being influenced by the Felician Sisters who taught her at Holy Innocents Grammar School, Antoinette decided to enter the Felician Sisters postulancy on June 29, 1939. A year later, she was invested with the habit and received the name, Sister Mary Fulgenta. Sister Mary Fulgenta professed her final vows on August 22, 1947.

Sister Mary Fulgenta was a brilliant woman in intelligence and also quite accomplished as a musician. She ministered as an elementary school principal and teacher for almost fifty years in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. During most of that time, she was also the music teacher and organist of the parish. Although known as a strict educator, she had a good sense of humor and really thoroughly enjoyed the children and the parishioners she served.

Being fluent in the Polish language, Sister Mary Fulgenta shared her gift in translating some of the Polish documents of our community into English. Stepping aside from her ministry in education in 1990, Sister Mary Fulgenta became the Director of Maintenance and Housekeeping, as well as, organist in the Mother of Good Counsel Infirmary. In 2000, she established the Postage Stamp Ministry there. She collected used stamps, networked with others to save used stamps, and sent numerous boxes of cut and trimmed stamps to foreign missions of Franciscan priests.

And underlying her zest for life was a strong, never-ending faith in God and a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. She would pray the rosary daily and pray for the special intentions of others. Her silent acceptance of God's will during the last few weeks of her life was a shining example to us all. Sister Mary Fulgenta died on the morning of June 13, the day after the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Her beloved brother and sister-in-law, other devoted family members and friends, and members of the Felician community, attended the Wake and Mass of Christian Burial held on June 16, 2010. After the Commendation on June 17, her body was taken for interment to St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, Illinois.