

Obituary of Sister Mary Anisia Nowak, CSSF

SISTER MARY ANISIA, Agnes Nowak of Detroit, Michigan, age 99, religious 83 years, entered eternal life June 20, 2010 in Livonia, Michigan.

Sister Mary Anisia was born July 19, 1910 in Detroit, MI., and baptized the same day at St. Francis Church. The 2nd of 7 children of Anthony and Stella (Kaczmarek), she attended Assumption Grade School and completed her high school education in the Seminary of the Felician Sisters. On August 24, 1927 she was accepted into the Felician Congregation, invested with the habit on August 20, 1929 and received the name Sister Mary Anisia. Final profession was in 1936.

Sister Mary Anisia earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Mary Manse College in Toledo and taught thousands of students across Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Her ministry of education spanned 67 in the following schools:

St. Stanislaus, St. Stephen, St. Louis the King, St. Josaphat, St. Andrew,
St. Christine, St. Casimir, and St. Hilary, all in Detroit;
St. Florian, Hamtramck; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wyandotte; St. Leonard, Warren;
St. Michael, Livonia; St. Adalbert and Holy Family, South Bend, Indiana;
St. Anthony, Toledo and St. Louis, Cleveland Heights in Ohio.

At Guardian Angel Home, Detroit, Sister not only taught kindergarten but was the housemother for the nursery group of children. While assigned to St. Christine Parish Sister also volunteered her services in the soup kitchen.

Sister Anisia's teaching ministry ended in 1995 but not her activity. An excellent seamstress she was assigned to the vestry in Presentation Convent in Livonia for the next eleven years. She looked forward to celebrating her 100th birthday – just one month away! But the Lord had other plans. At 5:17 a.m., on June 20, Sister Mary Anisia was called home. Peacefully she left this earth and went to the Lord whom she so faithfully served for almost 100 years - 83 in religious life.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: +Anna, +Florence, + Eleanor, +Aloysius, and +Gertrude. Sister Anisia is survived by one brother, Frank, and many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

The Translation service was conducted on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. by Rev. Timothy Babcock, chaplain. Morning Prayer followed at 10:15 a.m. Father Babcock celebrated the Mass of Resurrection at 10:30 a.m. in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel of the Felician Sisters, Livonia, Michigan. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan.