

Obituary of Sister Mary Medard Babiuch, CSSF

SISTER MARY MEDARD (Stanislava Babiuch), of Toledo, Ohio age 97, religious 80 years, entered eternal life January 31, 2010 in Blessed Mary Angela Convent, Livonia, Michigan.

Born December 24, 1912, Stanislava was baptized at St. Stanislaus Church on December 26th where she later attended grade school. Her parents were Walter Babiuch and Anna Huba. When her mother died, her father married a widow with ten children, increasing her family to twelve sisters and two brothers: Thecla Maskal, Bertha Kowalski, Sophie Hodge, Mary Stravinsky, Stella Miller, Helen Duhigg, Kay Paluszek, Ruth Roy, Stanislava (Sister Mary Medard), Joseph, Stephanie Janas, Rose Nitz, Ann Pickering, and Frank.

Stanislava was accepted into the Felician Congregation in June, 1930 and at the Investiture Ceremony she received the name, Sister Mary Medard. First Vows were professed in 1933 and Final Vows in 1939.

Sister Mary Medard received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Detroit followed by a Master of Science in Education at the same University.

For 63 years Sister Medard taught in schools in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio: St. Casimir, Sacred Heart, St. Stanislaus, St. Hyacinth and St. Andrew, all in Detroit; Queen of Apostles, Hamtramck; Holy Rosary, Saginaw; St Hyacinth and St. Stanislaus, Bay City; St. Joseph, Pittsburgh, PA; St. Peter and Mother of Consolation, Harrisburgh PA; St. Anthony, Toledo, OH; St. Valentine, Redford; Ladywood, High School, Livonia.

At the age of 91, Sister Mary Medard took up the ministry of prayer with permanent residence in St. Joseph/Blessed Mary Angela Convents and crocheted afghans, many of which were donated to the auctions at Ladywood High School in Livonia.

On January 31, 2010, the Lord called Sister Mary Medard home. Sister Medard is survived by a sister, Kay Hoffman, a sister-in-law, Dorothy Babiuch, and many nieces and nephews.

Translation services were conducted on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. by Rev. Timothy Babcock, Chaplain. The Mass of Resurrection followed Morning Prayer 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.