

# Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



## Genealogy Request

Family Name Hegarty, Ann Gertrude

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Maura

Birth Date/Place 4-14-1884 Fort Augustine, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 8-15-1900

First Vows 8-15-1902 Final Vows 8-15-1907

Date/Place of Death 2-20-1943 St. Joseph Infirmary, St. Paul, Mn.

Date/Place of Interment Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn

Education B.A.

Ministry Teacher nearly 40 yrs.

Mother's Maiden Name Margaret Ann Gillis

Birth Date/Place N.A. Kensington, P.E.I., Canada

Father's Name Robert Hegarty

Birth Date/Place N.A. Fort Augustine, P.E.I., Canada

## Other Notes

\* N.A. Not Available

✓ Sister Maura Hegarty answered the Master's final call at Saint Joseph's Infirmary, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the twentieth day of February, nineteen hundred forty-three, in the fifty-ninth year of her age, and the forty-third of her religious life.

A mere girl, she came to us from Prince Edward Island, gladly making the triple sacrifice of country, home and youth, to follow Christ, the King. Young and strange in this new environment, loneliness must often have shadowed her nights and days. But Sister Maura never looked back. She was blessed with sterling traits of character, which developed into that dignified womanhood which graced and adorned her as Sister Maura.

As the years advanced, Sister Maura became deeply absorbed in the life and works of our Sisterhood. A religious, personal interest in all community affairs; a simple, childlike trust and obedience to superiors; a firm intrepid devotion to duty were virtues deeply woven into the character of our dear Sister Maura.

Nearly forty years of Sister's active life were spent in the classrooms of our parochial schools. Her first assignment was to the Ascension School, Minneapolis, in its pioneer days. A member of her primary class there, the Reverend Edward J. Klein, was deacon at her solemn requiem Mass. Later assignments took her to Marshall and White Bear, Minnesota. Sister Maura's last appointment was that of principal of Saint Patrick's School, Saint Paul, where for nine years she labored zealously. With enthusiastic zeal, and buoyant hope, Sister began her tenth year at Saint Patrick's, in the new school. The new Saint Patrick's was a beautiful dream come true, and she looked forward to happy and successful years there.

But God had other plans. Only a few months had passed when she was startled by the revelation that a fatal malady had gripped her. She evaded treatment as long as possible. Even after a serious operation, she returned to her class work. Finally, at the suggestion of superiors, she resigned. With her divine Victim, she said, "Thy will be done," and left her dear Saint Patrick's forever. During a prolonged illness, prayers, Masses, novenas for recovery kept the star of hope bright on her horizon. When after four years, Sister contracted pneumonia, she herself asked for the last anointings. She was fully conscious, calm, and alert during the administration of the solemn rites, and was deeply impressed by the sublime and sacred beauty of the prayers for the passing soul. "How grand, how beautiful," she said, "are the last prayers of the Church for us! All fear has left me; I am ready; I want to go."

In the Home of the Blessed, may our dear Sister Maura find eternal rest and peace!