

# Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



## Genealogy Request

Family Name Gillis, Anna Agatha  
Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Dionysia  
Birth Date/Place 8-6-1898 Montrose, P.E.I., Canada  
Reception into Novitiate 9-1-1916  
First Vows 8-15-1919 Final Vows 8-15-1922  
Date/Place of Death 5-3-1981 Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Mn.  
Date/Place of Interment 5-5-1981 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn.  
Education No record  
  
Ministry Food Service  
  
Mother's Maiden Name Catherine MacNeill  
Birth Date/Place ? Birch Grove, P.E.I., Canada  
Father's Name Alexander Gillis  
Birth Date/Place ? Greenmount, P.E.I., Canada

Other Notes



# Come let us adore the King on whom all life depends

*Introit, Office of the Dead*

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET  
1884 Randolph Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105

SISTER DIONYSIA GILLIS, CSJ      1898 - 1981

Died Sunday, May 3, 1981, 9:35 a.m., at Bethany Convent, St. Paul, MN

Born at Montrose, Prince Edward Island, Canada, August 6, 1898

Entered the Postulate at St. Paul, MN, September 1, 1916

Received the Habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet on March 19, 1917

Sister Dionysia Gillis left us without much warning this last Sunday, and then as soon as could be those who had known her long and lovingly began to highlight her life for this chronicler.

It seems that she enjoyed being just who she was, a person who loved her community and served it loyally and graciously in so many important ways--as its cook, its refectorian or its portress in big places and small, in the Twin Cities and in the "country."

A native of Prince Edward Island, she joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in St. Paul at the age of 18 and adjusted beautifully to her new country.

She was a great story-teller and an ardent supporter of her CSJ missions, spending part of every day cutting, sorting, and packaging stamps. She liked to follow through on this activity to find out how much money was obtained and what gifts for the missions were purchased.

She had a great respect for the younger sisters and for youth in general. A member of the Academy of Holy Angels Convent staff in 18 recent years, she knew many of the students and was a most loyal supporter of the school's activities.

She retired to Bethany in 1978, continuing there her loving ministry of presence and service as a Sister of St. Joseph.

- Sister Frances Babb

#### SERVICES:

Wake at Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Tuesday, May 5, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial, Bethany Chapel, St. Paul, Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.

Interment in Resurrection Cemetery, St. Paul, MN

Sister was survived by:

Mrs. Dorothy McAlduff, (sister), Alberton, Prince Edward Island, Canada COBIBO

Mrs. Mildred Gillis, (sister-in-law), 8 Faulkner Street, Malden, MA 02148

Mr. & Mrs. (Elaine) Edmund Piselli, (niece), 34 Langdon St., Newton, MA 02158

Miss Joan Gillis, (niece), 599 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148

Dr. Edward McAlduff, (nephew), St. Francis Xavier University, P.O. 109,  
Antigonish, Nova Scotia BOHICO