

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



Genealogy Request

Family Name McAverin, Josephine

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Aniceta

Birth Date/Place 9-1-1888 Kelly's Cross, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 8-31-1912

First Vows 8-15-1915 Final Vows 8-15-1918

Date/Place of Death 3-17-1987 Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Mn.

Date/Place of Interment 3-21-1987 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn.

Education High School

Ministry Elementary teacher

Mother's Maiden Name Mary Ann Mc Kenna

Birth Date/Place ? P.E.I., Canada

Father's Name Joseph McAverin

Birth Date/Place ? P.E.I., Canada

Other Notes

St. Joseph Administration Center
1884 Randolph Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Sister Aniceta McAvinn, CSJ -- 1888 - 1987

Died Tuesday, March 17, 1987, at 3:05 p.m., Bethany Convent, St. Paul, MN

Born at Kelly's Cross, Prince Edward Island, September 1, 1888

Joined the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Paul, on August 31, 1912

Made first vows on August 15, 1915; final vows on August 15, 1918

O Jesus, pray through me and with me. Help me surrender all to God saying,
"Your will be done." -Maxim, Sisters of St. Joseph

Sister Aniceta (Josephine) McAvinn would have been 99 years old in September and for nearly 75 of those years she was a Sister of St. Joseph. In 1912 Josephine was recruited by Sister Seraphine Ireland from Kelly's Cross, Prince Edward Island, with six other young women. The continuing need for sisters to staff Minnesota's Catholic parish schools found Sister Aniceta in the unique position of teaching before she had completed requirements for her high school diploma.

Sister Aniceta was described as an elementary school teacher who "could do anything." Her classroom manner was a reflection of her good, creative mind. Her focus was ever on the student: How were the studies coming? How was everything at home?

Sister Aniceta's personal involvement with others deepened through her dedication to prayer. Throughout her life, and particularly during times of illness, prayer developed as Sister Aniceta's most personal ministry. A continual reader of spiritual books, she especially enjoyed the lives of the saints. Understanding their lives, she said, helped her understand her own.

Of Irish ancestry, Sister Aniceta died on St. Patrick's Day, close to the feast of her community's patron, St. Joseph.

- S. Mary Kraft

SERVICES:

Wake at Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Friday, March 20, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Resurrection, Saturday, March 21, 9:30 a.m.

Interment in Resurrection Cemetery, St. Paul, MN

Sister is survived by:

Sister Fortunata McAvinn, CSJ, (sister), Bethany Convent, St. Paul

Nieces and nephews