

# Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



## Genealogy Request

Family Name McDonald, Mary Jane  
Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Borgia  
Birth Date/Place 6-15-1883 Kensington, P.E.I., Canada  
Reception into Novitiate 8-15-1900  
First Vows 8-15-1902 Final Vows 8-15-1908  
Date/Place of Death 3-20-1941 St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul, Mn.  
Date/Place of Interment ? Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn  
Education ?

Ministry Boys' Home, Mpls, Mn.  
Infant Home, St. Paul, Mn.

Mother's Maiden Name Mary Ann Gillis

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

Father's Name Alexander McDonald

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

Other Notes

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Sister Borgia MacDonald died at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Saint Paul, Minnesota on the twentieth day of March, nineteen hundred forty-one, in the fifty-eighth year of her age and the forty-first of her religious life.

May we not hope that the loving and merciful Saviour greeted our dear Sister Borgia with the promised "Come ye blessed of My Father, as long as you did it to one of these, My least brethren, you did it to Me".

During her religious life, Sister had been assigned to different houses of the Province, but her outstanding work was done in the Boys' Home in Minneapolis, and in the Catholic Infant Home in Saint Paul. Here in a spirit of faith and self-sacrifice, she devoted herself entirely to the care of God's little ones. No sacrifice was too great, no act too humiliating if it meant some new comfort or pleasure for the unfortunate children whom she tended with a mother's care.

For a number of years, Sister had not enjoyed perfect health and many times the performance of her duties must have called for real sacrifice. After a severe heart attack, Sister was taken to the hospital where she lingered for several weeks, always cheerful and looking forward eagerly to the time when she might return to her little ones.

Great fidelity to Community prayers was a marked characteristic of Sister Borgia's religious life. Her favorite and often repeated ejaculation was "My Jesus, mercy", and with these words on her lips, she closed her eyes in the sleep from which she awakened in the presence of Him, "Whom she had served, Whom she had loved, in Whom she had believed".

May her dear soul rest in peace!