

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



Genealogy Request

Family Name O'Shea, Annie Loretta

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Leonard

Birth Date/Place 3-3-1888 Iona, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 3-18-1905

First Vows 3-19-1907 Final Vows 8-15-1912

Date/Place of Death 1-16-1979 Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Minn.

Date/Place of Interment 1-19-1979 Resurrection, St. Paul, Minn.

Education No record

Ministry Domestic

Mother's Maiden Name Mary Ellen McCarthy

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

Father's Name Jeremiah O'Shea

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

Other Notes

Sister Leonard O'Shea

As a young girl, Sister entered the Postulate of the Sisters of St. Joseph when it was located in St. Joseph's Academy.

She spent her entire religious life in either the kitchen, the laundry, or the garden. She was very much a Community-minded person, and loved the Sisters of St. Joseph.

She was completely dedicated to whatever she was asked to do. She never counted the cost to herself when it came to helping another. She was a hard, conscientious worker and untiring in her daily round of duties.

She was most generous in helping others, especially the older Sisters and the poor. And she was very good to those who worked with her. She was also very good and thoughtful of the men who worked at the Academy and took care of their morning and afternoon lunches.

She was an exemplary religious, very devoted to prayer. All the students at the Academy loved her.

She kept the laundry, where she worked for many years, immaculate with everything in its place, and she took great pride in keeping it so. She expected everyone to be at her place for work, but if someone could not come, she did the work herself.

She was a real character, a tremendous person with a great impact on everyone she came in contact with. One learned how to become a Sister of St. Joseph just by watching her.

She took great delight in the outdoors and spent all her free time in the garden, taking care of the tulips and the gold fish in the fish pond.

Her sense of cheerfulness kept everyone in good humor, and one could not feel down or sorry for oneself when she was around. She kept everyone cheerful.