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*And whatever you do in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.*
Colossians 3:17

Sister Anne (Thaddelia) Hageman, FSPA

Sister Anne (Thaddelia) Hageman, FSPA, 93, died Friday, September 6, 1996, at Villa St. Joseph, La Crosse.

About a week before her death, Sister Anne was taken to the hospital for intense pain. She returned to St. Rose and on Tuesday was taken to Villa St. Joseph temporarily to receive care. She wished to die at St. Rose; however, because of her pain, she prayed that God would take her home even though she was at the Villa. Conscious to the end, she died peacefully at 2:10 pm in the presence of several Sisters who were praying and singing with her at the time of her death. They were singing *I Love Thee, O Mary*, one of her favorite hymns, and *Jesus, for Thee I Live, Jesus for Thee I Die*.

Sister Anne was born to August and Anna (Kuennen) Hageman on June 18, 1903, the second youngest of seven children. She was baptized on June 19, 1903 at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Festina, Iowa, and given the name of Mary Anna. She made her first Holy Communion in 1911 and received Solemn Communion in 1916 at the age of 13. At that time she renewed her baptismal promises and joined the Society of the Holy Rosary. From 1910 until 1917, Anna attended St. Mary's School in Festina, staffed by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

Anna's parents were American born of German descent and devout Catholics. To support the church and attend services took predominance in their lives. It was customary to recite the rosary and litany of the Blessed Virgin as a family evening prayer. Anna spent her youthful years assisting her parents until she entered St. Rose Convent.

Anna entered St. Rose Convent on September 8, 1926, following in the footsteps of her sister, Sister Bonfilia. She was invested in the habit on June 27, 1928, when she was given the name Sister Thaddelia. She pronounced first vows on August 12, 1930, and final vows on July 20, 1936.

For 43 years, Sister Thaddelia served as a seamstress, homemaker and often as a sacristan on various missions in Iowa, Washington, and Wisconsin. She especially enjoyed baking altar breads and taking care of the church linens. Sister Thaddelia visited many missions and "turned habits" for the Sisters, repleating them so that they would wear longer. She often wished that she could attend classes. In 1948 and 1949 she took some classes at Viterbo on foods and planning balanced meals, home care of the sick and the study of fabrics.

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