



***Mother M. Aloysia Yurgutis***  
***December 12, 1898 – November 30, 1959***

***Secular Name:*** Anna Yurgutis  
***Entered:*** August 5, 1914 CHFN  
***Place of Birth:*** Westville, Illinois  
***Parents:*** Stanislaus and Petronella  
***Siblings:*** Sophie, Patricia, John

***Elementary School:*** Holy Family Academy, Chicago  
***High School:*** Duquesne High School

***Higher Education:*** Duquesne University  
***Degrees:*** Bachelor in Education  
M.A, Fordham University

***Ministry:***

Initially, Anna spent seven years with the Sisters of the Holy Family in Des Plaines, Illinois. Divine Providence then directed her steps to the Sisters of St. Francis where her leadership capabilities became apparent.

Sister played an active role of financing and building the first motherhouse while acting as Community School Supervisor. During her double term as Mother Superior, she undertook the responsibility of building St. Francis Academy in the interest of Catholic Education. She sent Sisters to Lithuania in 1935 and 1938 as well as sending Sisters to Brazil in 1938. She was also instrumental in establishing the community of Sisters in hospital work. Under her direction Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Illinois was established.

In her 60's Sister then directed her energies to the many facets of library work through her association with the Catholic Library Association. Because of her interest in preserving the Lithuanian language and culture, she served as Secretary for the Lithuanian Sisters Institute. In 1939 she was honored by the Lithuanian Government with the Dvke Gediminas medal.



***“Be not afraid, I go before you.”***