

Sister M. Alphonsa Janusis
March 2, 1885 - October 27, 1961



Secular Name: Helen Janusis
Entrance: August 4, 1904
Place of Birth: Lithuania
Parents: Anthony and Francis
Elementary school: Parochial School
Lithuania
High School: Holy Family of
Nazareth, Chicago

Ministry:

Helen Janusis left Lithuania at the age of 17, settling in Chicago. Two years later she was accepted into the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

In 1907, as Sister M. Julita, she began teaching in Lithuanian Parishes. In 1922, transferring with other pioneer members to the Sisters of St. Francis, she chose the new religious name of Sister M. Alphonsa. She taught in parish schools and in catechetical centers in Pittsburgh, Homestead, Detroit, Kenosha, Esplen, Rochester, Harrison, Los Angeles, New Kensington and New Britain.

Sister also served the community as Novice Mistress. She was especially enthusiastic in acquainting the young with the Lithuanian culture and language.

“All power is yours, God, Creator of All.”