

Mother Mary Baptist Laurinaitis
September 27, 1882 – February 13, 1971



Secular Name: Mariann
Entrance: CSFN-August 15, 1905
OSF-November 1922

Place of Birth: Lithuania
Parents: Stephen and Anna
Siblings: Helen and Stella

Elementary School: St. George, Chicago, IL
High School: Holy Family, Des Plaines, IL

Degrees: Art Courses

Ministry:

Mother M Baptist was born in a small village in Lithuania. Her parents migrated to the United States when she was 8 years old. They settled in Chicago, Illinois. She made her final vows in the Community of the Sisters of the Holy Family. In 1922 she entered the newly formed Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale, PA.

After her novitiate in Millvale, she taught for 4 years at St. George School in Detroit, MI. She was appointed Mother Superior pro-tem by Bishop Boyle in 1928. Her record of service includes schools in Los Angeles, California and Maspeth, New York. She was instrumental in acquainting herself with many individuals who became our early benefactors as well as members of the Auxiliaries, particularly in the Chicago area. Painting in oils was a speciality of hers and many of her paintings are displayed throughout the motherhouse. She hand painted 2 complete sets of china which are displayed in the Providence Parlor. She continued to serve in the Motherhouse until her death in 1971.

“You are the light of my salvation.”