

Sister M. Teresa Velicka
September 23, 1885 – December 24, 1972



Secular Name: Bernice
Entrance: August 27, 1923
Place of Birth: Lithuania
Parents: Vincent and Josephine

Ministry:

Bernice came to America and settled in Chicago. Hearing of the formation of a new community, she requested the assistance of Monsignor Michael Krusas in helping her to gain admission into our community. Through his intercession she was received as a postulant at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale.

Sister Teresa first year as a postulant was spent in St. George Convent in Detroit, Michigan. In 1925 she was appointed to prepare the meals at the new motherhouse in the South Hills for a group of 5 novices and 4 professed sisters, all of whom were under the guidance of Mother Chrysostom.

Her other mission assignments were in Hartford, Mahanoy City and Cleveland. Her last assignment was at the St. Francis Mission Center in Harrison, New Jersey where she assisted in the laundry.

Her last 15 years were spent in the Motherhouse where she served as Seamstress. After a severe heart attack, her health was a gradual weakening. On Christmas Eve, December 24, 1972, she returned to the Lord.

“He who reigns in highest heaven....Would lead us onward all our days.....”