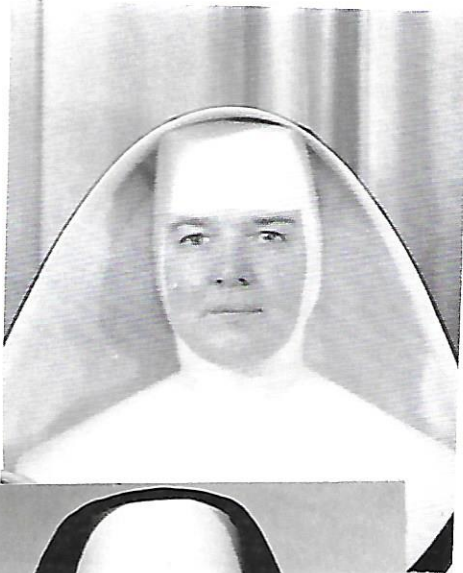


Sister M. Norberta Swirkas
May 20, 1909 - September 4, 1977



Secular Name: Anna
Entrance: October 23, 1932
Place of Birth: Mahanoy City PA
Parents: Joseph and Anna
Siblings: Helen, Adeline and William
Elementary School: Public School Mahanoy City PA

Ministry:

Sister Norberta came to the community in 1932 and worked in the Motherhouse sewing room. She assisted the novitiate and junior professed in learning the art of sewing. In 1938 she was one of the five Sisters chosen to go to Brazil to begin a new foundation. She remained in Brazil for ten years, working on an outdoor charcoal "stove" and doing laundry outdoors using a charcoal iron and drawing water from a well.

Upon her return to the United States she was assigned to Good Samaritan Hospital where she remained for ten years working in linen service.

Sister Norberta returned to the Motherhouse in 1966 again assisting with the sewing needs of the community including relining the ceiling-to-floor drapes in the Lecture Hall. She also made new drapes for the library and other rooms in the Motherhouse. In 1975 she became a prayer minister in the infirmary where she remained until her death in 1977.

"I shall return to take you with me...So that where I am, you may be too".