

Mother M. Francis Mangert
August 15, 1881 – March 28, 1980



Secular Name: Johanna Teresa
Entrance: August, 1898 (CSFN)
May 9, 1922 (OSF)
Place of Birth: Lithuania
Parents: Jonas and Frances
Sibling: Frank

Ministry:

Sister Francis was born in Lithuania and lived there until the family emigrated first to Brazil and in August of 1892 came to America and settled in Chicago.

In 1897 she entered the Holy Family Congregation as an aspirant. She was known as Sister M. Raymond.

Dedicated to the ideal of bi-lingual Christian education for the youth in Lithuanian parochial schools, Sister Raymond became the leader of a group of Sisters wishing to found a new congregation. After arduous and difficult preliminaries, Sister Raymond transferred to the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale on May 9, 1922 and assumed the name of Sister M. Francis.

Oldest in profession among our pioneer sisters, she sacrificed the privileges that rank and security in her original community bestowed to begin again. One the fledgling community was established she devoted herself to fund-raising efforts to allow the young community to continue during the oncoming Depression.

“You are faithful to your word forever.”