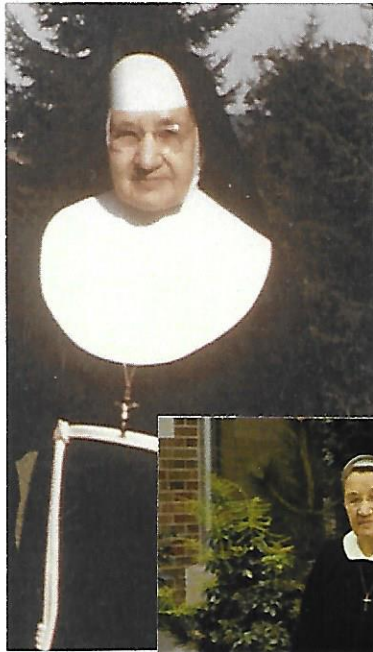


Sister M. Fidelis Grafas
January 15, 1891 – May 25, 1984



Secular Name: Mary
Entrance: October 3, 1925
Place of Birth: Lithuania
Parents: Simon and Eva
Siblings: 3 sisters and 1 brother

Ministry:

For a period of 14 years, Sister Fidelis worked at the Mercy Convent and Mercy Children's Hospital as a laundry worker. At the age of 34, she became a postulant and for 13 years worked in the motherhouse instructing the novices in the proper techniques of ironing and laundry. Her niece, Sister Amy (Amabilis) was to follow her aunt and join the community also. Sister Fidelis also spent 18 years as a housekeeper in Cleveland, Grand Rapids, the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine, Detroit and East St. Louis. She returned to the Motherhouse as a part-time help in the kitchen from 1969 until 1979. Her remaining years were spent in the Ministry of Prayer.

“You are my portion, the God of my life.”