

## *Sister M. Perpetua Kanaporius*

*March 9, 1905 —August 5, 1986*

*Secular Name:* Anna  
*Entrance:* December 8, 1940  
*Place of Birth:* Amsterdam, NY/Lithuania  
*Parents:* Matthew and Mary  
*Siblings:* Anthony

*Elementary School:* Lithuania  
*High School:* Lithuania

### *Ministry:*

Though she was born in Amsterdam, NJ, Anna's family moved to Lithuania while she was a child. At the age of 22, she returned to this country and settled in Brooklyn, NY. When Anna was 35 years old, with special permission from Bishop Boyle, she was accepted as a postulant at St. Francis Convent.

She ministered as a housekeeper/dietitian in East St. Louis, Kenosha, South Side, Grand Rapids, Hartford, Moon Run, DuBois and the Motherhouse. Sister Perpetua's talents were not limited to the culinary arts. During her free moments she did woodcarving, needlepoint, crocheting and painting as well as tending to flowers and plants.

For the last fifteen years of her life she served in Hartford, Connecticut. From here in 1986, while making her annual retreat at Auriesville, New York, she suffered a massive heart attack and was taken to the nearest hospital in Amsterdam where she returned to the Lord on August 5, 1986.



*"She was constant and faithful...and now perpetual will be her reward. "*