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# Heritage Happenings

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Lest We Forget...



## First Novitiate: Gone Money Collecting

The day after Reception, Sister Gabriella and Sister Hyacintha were sent on a money collection venture. Father Fessler was intent on building a larger living residence, a real convent. Sister Hyacintha was familiar with traveling having come by train from Ohio to Wisconsin just three years before. For Sister Gabriella it was probably very different but she had also traveled as a young girl first from Germany to America when she was 12 and then from New Jersey to Wisconsin when she was older.

One would think they probably consulted Mother Caroline, their previous teacher and mentor, as to places they should travel to and convents where they could stay. By now, Sisters of Notre Dame were located in close to 100 missions in America and Canada so one could assume they would be welcomed at the places we know they traveled to: Chicago, Fort Wayne, IN, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and last, New York. After 6 months away, they were finally back in Manitowoc in May 1870.



## Door From "Nowhere"

In Sacred Heart Court, there's a door high up above the road. This is what the door use to look like: it was a small porch where Sisters could stand and look out at the beauty of the court and lake. But eventually larger and larger trucks started bumping it as they tried to maneuver around to make a delivery. It was eventually taken down. This is Sr. Arlene Virlee as a Postulant.



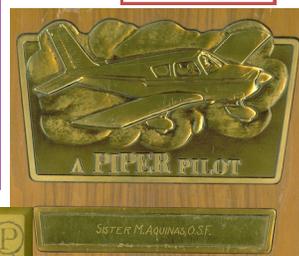
The Izaak Walton League of America presented this metal-on-wood award to Sister Teresita Kittell in appreciation for services she rendered to the society: Defenders of Soil, Woods, Waters and Wildlife. The Izaak Walton League was founded in 1922 to conserve outdoor America for future generations. one of the earliest conservation organizations to set an aggressive course to defend wild America by changing public policy regarding the environment.



The plaque below prompted me to show you these. This metal piece was presented to Sr. Margaret Marie 1945—1946 by the YAM, PORK, & GRAVEY LEAGUE of Marist Seminary (where she was a cook).

Plaques that you receive recognizing you for a special service, for years of teaching, nursing, etc., for helping an organization that you've joined, are all important and vital to your personal records. Each

award, plaque, or whatever it might look like, serves to identify how you've served the church, our community and something of who you are. No matter the shape or form, photos are taken of these items and the photo kept in your folder. So please save them, or, send them to the archives office where the item will be processed for you.



A metal award given to Sister Aquinas Kinskey.



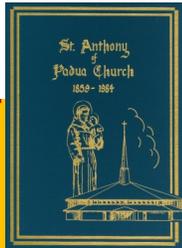
## Heritage Connections



### Pioneer Sisters

Here are Sister Irmengard and Sister Domitilla.

The Franciscan Sisters from Alverno, WI served from 1891—1910 at St. Anthony's school: Housekeepers: Sisters Lidwina, Augustine, Irmengard, and teachers: Sisters Scholastica, Bernward, Domitilla and Bartholomew.



In September a brief article described contact with St. Anthony's in Quincy, IL. This is an update. We were unable to identify the names of the children shown in the picture they submitted, but in receiving their 125th Anniversary book, much more was learned about our Sisters who taught in this school.



The anniversary album listed the religious that came from the community, 23 nuns. Among them (with photos) were: Sr. Antonia Hoebing R-1903, Sr. Judith Grawe R-1905 and her sister, Sister Eustachia Grawe R-1906.

## Across the Seas: Genealogy Request from the Netherlands!!

On November 11, an email request was received from Andrzej Olszewski. *"I come from Poland, but live and work in the Netherlands. I deal with the genealogy of my family and my wife's family. My wife is Iwona nee Kania. In Poland, the family knows that Franciszka and Piotr left for the USA but the contact was lost. I was only able to find a trace of the missing family. Searching through the archives, I found information about the family of my wife's grandfather. I found Zita's parents by accident. Franciszka and Piotr Miazga had a daughter Leokadia. She entered your order and took the name Zita. She died around 2002. **Zita's mother and my wife's grandfather were siblings.** Have any documents and souvenirs of the deceased survived? I found your email on the monastery's (community's) website."* In searching through Sister Zita's folder, I found an extensive, hand written genealogy about Frances and Peter Miazga which included this photo: a wedding picture identified as Joseph Miazga and Katherine Kania, 1909, parents of Sister Zita. A copy of the genealogy along with information on Sister Zita will now be sent to him. This must be thrilling to connect with a "lost contact" relative. This is what makes the archives department work rather exciting.



### Relative of Mother Alexia!!

On November 20 Barbara Hughes wrote: *"I'm hoping you can help me with information regarding three of your sisters: Sister Frances Marie and Sister Joseph Marie Pinion, and Pauline Fullmer—Mother Alexia. Mother Alexia is my third cousin, and Sisters Joseph Marie and Francis Marie are my second cousins, twice removed."* Barbara was looking mainly for photos of the Sisters: Sr. Francis Marie and Sr. Joseph Marie below.



Sisters



## Question of the Month—What are these?



In cataloguing artifacts, I've found five of these round items that are about the size of a quarter, have a pin on the back for attaching to "something" and each has a thin silver pull chain. Here you see a small pen attached to a chain. Chains can be pulled out but "What were these used for" ?? Information would be much appreciated by anyone who might have worn one of these.

