

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON MOTHER M. ADELAIDE

NAME: Anne Sandusky

BIRTHDATE: October 10, 1874

BIRTHPLACE: Cincinnati, Ohio

FAMILY RANKING: Third out of five children (John, Frank, Anne, Mary, Pauline)

FAMILY HISTORY: 1870 - parents came to America from Binar, Near Cracow, Poland.

FATHER: Stanley Sandusky - Professional Soldier- wounded in the Franco-Prussian War, decided to leave Poland and come to America. Settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Died 10 years later.

MOTHER: Mary Sandusky - after her husband's death, she moved her family to St. Paul Minn. because she had relatives there.

MOTHER ADELAIDE:

1880 - six years old when her father died- moved to St. Paul, Minn.-belonged to St. Adalbert Parish

1883 - June 6 - 19 years old - entered the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis, Rochester, Minn.

1894 - Feb. 2 - 20 years old - entered the Novitiate

1896 - July 16 - 22 years old = made her 1st Profession

1902 - July 16 - 28 years old - made her final Profession

1905-1906 - 31 years old - studied at the Minn. Institute of Fine Arts - for one year.

1907 - 32 years old - studied "Virgil" at Harvard University.

1911 - 37 years old- First Graduate of Winona - B.A. - (Major in Latin)

1911-1915- 37-41 years old - Taught at the College in Winona - worked on her M.A. at Columbia University in New York, during the summers. She was head of the Department of Classical Language and French.

1916 - 42 years old - Unanimously elected to start a new province in Toledo Diocese.

MOTHER ADELAIDE'S 48 YEARS IN DIOCESE

STELLA MARIS MEDALIST

Mother Adelaide dies at 89

SYLVANIA — Bishop George J. Rehring offered solemn requiem Mass Wednesday in Our Lady of Peace Chapel for Mother M. Adelaide, 89, mother foundress of the Sylvania Franciscan Sisters.

Mother Adelaide died Saturday at Mercy Hospital. Burial was in Porta Coeli Cemetery on the motherhouse grounds.

Mother Adelaide was chosen superior of the Sylvania community when it was established in 1916 as a branch of the Franciscan motherhouse in Rochester, Minn. (The new community became independent in 1930.)

She continued as superior until 1954, when she was proclaimed mother foundress. However, until she entered the hospital two days before her death, Mother Adelaide continued to work closely with Mother M. Justinian, general superior, in the active direction of the community's school and hospital activities in five states.

IN THE TOLEDO diocese, the Sylvania Franciscans conduct Providence Hospital, Sandusky.



Mother M. Adelaide

They teach at Cardinal Stritch High School, Oregon, Central Catholic High School, Toledo, and St. Mary High School, Sandusky. They staff 19 parish grade schools and conduct St. Clare Academy and Lourdes Junior College at the motherhouse.

Mother Adelaide had a master of arts degree from Columbia University. She also had studied at the Minneapolis School of Fine Arts, the University of Minnesota and Harvard.

Mary Manse College, at its commencement in June, honored Mother Adelaide by presenting her with its Stella Maria medal, received in her name by Mother Justinian. The citation cites her influence in the U.S. and Europe, and credited her with instilling into her community "a spirit of simplicity and graciousness which is based on a love for all men as other Christs."

SHE LEAVES a sister, Mrs. Mary Schultz, and nieces, Mrs. Evelyn Olriksen and Mrs. Dorothy Kundschiefer, all of St. Paul.

Bishop Rehring also preached at the funeral Mass.

Father John Meehan, Sylvania St. Joseph pastor, and Father Frederick Nietfeld of the Mary Manse College faculty were deacons of honor; Father Ladislaus Sledz, Minneapolis, deacon, and Father Charles Bechtel, convent chaplain, subdeacon.

Mother Mary Adelaide

**Sisters Of St. Francis
Community OSF Founder**

Mother Mary Adelaide, OSF, founder and head of the Sisters of St. Francis Community with its Motherhouse at 6832 Convent Rd., Sylvania, died yesterday in Mercy Hospital after a brief illness. She was 89.

Until entering the hospital two days before her death, Mother Adelaide directed the widespread activities of the community which she founded in 1916. On June 10, she was presented the Stella Maris (Star of the Sea) award by Mary Manse College. The annual award is given by the college to an outstanding Catholic woman.

Mother Adelaide was sent here 50 years ago to establish an extension of the order in Toledo. The former Anne Sandusky and a native of Cincinnati, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis order in St. Paul.

Helped Organize College

She was active in the organization of the College of St. Theresa at Winona, Minn., and was director of the college when she was named by the then Bishop Joseph Schrembs of Toledo to organize a province in Toledo.

Arrangements were made to purchase 89 acres of farm land a year after Mother Adelaide arrived in Toledo. St. Clare Academy and Lourdes Junior College have since been established at the site. The building program started in the 1920's has been carried on continuously with the latest expansion, Padua Hall, a science building, nearing completion.

Under her direction, the Motherhouse has grown to more than 500 Sisters. They are engaged in the operation of 11 hospitals in five states, including Providence Hospital, Sandusky, and St. Francis and Holy Cross hospitals, Detroit.

Teachers Also Provided

Sisters of the Community also provide teachers for elementary and high schools in Toledo and other cities in Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Minnesota, and California.

Mother Adelaide received a master of arts degree from Columbia University and studied at the Minneapolis School of Fine Arts, the University of Minnesota, and Harvard University.

A sister, Mrs. Mary Schultz, of St. Paul, survives.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Peace Chapel at the Motherhouse. Burial will be at Poata Coeli Cemetery.



MOTHER ADELAIDE

Was recently honored