

55

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



Genealogy Request

Family Name Mc Iver, Justina

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister ^{M.} Damian

Birth Date/Place 10-1-1873 Kinkora, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 12-8-1900

First Vows 8-15-1903 Final Vows 8-15-1910

Date/Place of Death 10-29-1963 Bethany, St. Paul, Mn

Date/Place of Interment 10-31-1963 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn

Education B.A.

Ministry Elementary - High School

Mother's Maiden Name Emily Harrington

Birth Date/Place N.A. P.E.I., Canada

Father's Name John Mc Iver

Birth Date/Place N.A. Philadelphia, P.A.

Other Notes N.A. - Not available

42

OBITUARY

Sister Damian McIver died at Bethany, St. Paul, Minnesota on the 29 of October in the 91st year of her age and the 63rd of her religious life.

Sister Damian McIver was born October 1, 1873 at Kinkora,

THE JOURNAL-PIONEER

Prince Edward Island, Canada. Sister Damian entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at St. Paul, Minnesota on August 27, 1900. She received the habit December 8, 1900; made her first profession August 15, 1903; and her final profession August 15, 1910.

Sister Damian taught before she entered the community, and this advanced experience enabled her to carry on in the same field in her religious life.

As a young Sister she was assigned to teach in the elementary grades where she labored with marked success working on the various grade levels until 1932. It was, however, in grade eight that Sister seemed most needed, and for many years she was assigned to that particular grade.

Sister Damian taught at St. Anne's School in Anoka, St. Mary's in Waverly, the Ascension and St. Anthony's in Minneapolis, and also in Marshall, Minnesota. From 1929 - 1932 Sister was principal of St. Luke's School in St. Paul.

Sister's work on the high school level began at St. Mary's School in Morris, Minnesota in 1932. She taught high school in Graceville, Minnesota, the Academy of the Holy Angels, Minneapolis, and St. John's Academy, Jamestown, North Dakota. Finally, because of ill health, Sister was missioned to Bethany Convent in 1954 where she remained until her death.

As a teacher Sister Damian was much loved by students and their parents, many of whom came to Bethany for short visits during her final years. Sister Damian had a brilliant mind and the ability of getting her point across to those most difficult to reach. She brought to her students not only the necessary preparation and the re-

quired knowledge, but a personality pleasing and attractive. Her grace of manner and interest in her work left an imprint on all with whom she came in contact. Sister was a truly dedicated teacher, firm but understanding. Her kindness and motherly concern won the love and cooperation of her young charges, and her training had a lasting effect.

Sister Damian's dedication was deep rooted. Her great ambition in life was to serve the Master faithfully. Sister's prayer - life was to her of paramount importance. She was community - minded and loyal to her vocation. First things first seemed to be her well lived motto.

Some years before Sister's death God saw fit to bless her with His favorite cross of suffering. This she accepted as she had learned to do throughout her long service. Resignation and patience and the desire to do God's Will were evidenced throughout her years of illness. Strong faith and entire confidence in God marked her final days. When almost too ill to recognize those who stood near her, the tinkle of the Holy Communion bell would rouse her alertness, and she was privileged to receive her Eucharistic King until her final day.

Sister's last days at Bethany were serene and peaceful except when the shadow passed over her countenance to indicate suffering. Sister was a teacher to the last for by her patience, resignation, and oft repeated words of gratitude; all who were near by could learn the most valuable of lessons, how to die.

Sister Damian's own devoted sister, Sister Mary Charles, of Bethany was constantly at her side, and her four nieces, all of whom are Sisters of St. Joseph,

were among the chosen pallbearers.

May our dear Sister Damian's sufferings, her prayer - life and her triple consecration, together with the final rites of Holy Mother Church and its indulgences secure for her the reward of witnessing the Beatific Vision throughout all Eternity.

God gave and God has taken away. Blessed forever be His glorious Name. May her soul rest in peace.

Predeceased her were the following brothers and sisters Mrs. Frank Gallant, Hugh L. McIver, T. A. McIver, Mrs. M. P. Driscoll, Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Peter D. McIver, John McIver and Charles.

Honorary pallbearers were Sister St. Hugh (Emily McIver), Sister Frances (Tena Gallant), Sister Margaret Pierre (Genevieve McIver), and Sister Georgetown (Mary Driscoll, principal of St. Margaret's Academy).

Catholic Bulletin
November 29, 1963

Services Held for Sr. Damian, CSJ

Funeral services for Sr. Damian McIver, CSJ, 90, were held Oct. 31 at St. Joseph's provincial house, St. Paul. She died Oct. 29 at Bethany convent, St. Paul, and was buried at Resurrection cemetery, Mendota Heights.

Born in Kinkora, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Sr. Damian entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at St. Paul in 1900.

She taught in grade and high schools including St. Patrick's and St. Luke's, St. Paul; Ascension, St. Anthony and Holy Angeles academy, Minneapolis; St. Anne's, Anoka, and St. Mary's, Graceville.

She is survived by a sister, Sr. Mary Charles, CSJ, of Bethany convent.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province

Current Year

Status *Sr Eligible*

CSJ Current Novice Applicants w/o rcptn Superior CSJ Archive CSJ 98 No Living Will on File temp
 Other Province In Transition Candidate Early Out-Prov CSJ Transfer Former CSJS

Demographics

Last Name McIver
 First Name Damien
 Address1
 Address2
 City
 State
 Phone
 Email
 Hand Deliver
 Zip
 Cell

CSJ
 Anniversary Book PA ROSTER
 Former CSJs
 Mailing Name
 Married
 Husband
 Married name
 Mail
 Mail code

Birthdate 10/1/1873 Age 147 Years, 3 Months, 28 Days
 Birth Day 1 Age at time of death 90
 Birth Month 10 # 485
 Birth Year 1873
 Birthplace Kinkora, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Baptismal Faustina
 Religious M. Damien
 Diocese Prince Edward Is.
 Parents John McIver - Philadelphia, PA
 Emily Harrington - Prince Edward Island, Canada

Entrance 8/27/1900 Reception 12/8/1900 1st Vows 8/15/1903 Final Vows 8/15/1910
 Entrance Month 8 Reception Month 12 1st Vows Month 8 Final Vows Month 8
 Entrance Day 27 Reception Day 8 1st Vows Day 15 Final Vows Day 15
 Entrance Year 1900 Reception Year 1900 1st Vows Year 1903 Final Vows Year 1910
 Entrance From Kinkora, Prince Edward Job Year -1900

Rec Place Final Vows Transferred
 First vow Place Notes
 Final vow Place
 Left
 Dispensation Re-entered
 Dispensation Month Re-enter Reception
 Dispensation Day Re-enter 1st Vows
 Dispensation Year Re-enter Final Vows

DOD 10/29/1963 TOD PM 10:50 Resident Community Bethany Convent, St. Paul, MN Funeral Date 10/31/1963
 DOD Month 10 POD Bethany Convent, St. Paul, MN Prof Book Page # Funeral Month 10
 DOD Day 29 Cause Senility, cancer Funeral Place Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel, St. Paul, Funeral Day 31
 DOD Year 1963 Interment Resurrection Cemetery, St. Paul, MN Funeral Year 1963

Ministry History		Education Level	BA
McIver, Damien			
Elementary, high school			
Taught prior to entrance			
1901	Cretin, SP -3	High School	no record
1902	St Patrick, SP -5	BA/S	BA 1933 CSC: History+educ-
1904	St Gabriel, Fulda, MN? -5-8	MA/S	
1906	St Mary, Waverly, MN -8 HS faculty	PhD	
1908	St Anne, Anoka, MN -7-8	CPE	
1918	St John, Jamestown, ND -HS faculty	Certificate	
1920	Marshall, MN -7-8	Non Degree	
1921	Ascension, Mpls -8	Associate	
1925	St Anthony, Mpls -8	Special	
1929	St Luke, SP -principal		
1933	St Mary, Morris, MN -HS faculty history		
1934	St Mary, Graceville, MN -history, Latin		
1939	Holy Angels, Mpls -history		
1942	St John, Jamestown, ND -history	Summer	McIver, Damien
1943	Holy Angels, Mpls -history		
1944	" -remedial		
1945	" -algebra, religion		
1947	" -library		
1954	(June) Bethany Convent, SP		

For the Annual Statistical Report

Institutions

Ministry

Employer

Ministry Code

FT/PT