



SISTER HERMINA HAUSNER, ASC



December 4, 1876 – October 5, 1938

Professed Vows 1897

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Josephine Hausner was born December 4, 1876 in St. Wendel, Illinois to Joseph Hausner and Gertrude Nix. She was baptized on May 20, 1877 at Holy Cross by Rev. Molitor with Godparents John Nix and Magdalena Nix.

Josephine's father would pass away when she was an infant and her mother would marry William Schmitt. She grew up in the Holy Cross Parish with her siblings Katherina (Schmitt), Juliana, Elizabeth (Weber), and half-brother Henry Schmitt.



Josephine made her First Communion at Holy Cross on April 28, 1889 and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 31, 1892 conferred by Bishop John Janssen at Holy Cross.

Sister Hermina entered the Adorers of the Most Precious Blood convent in Ruma and spent the first nine years of her religious life in Alton where she took care of the orphans. In 1906 when the Adorers of the Most Precious Blood open St. Vincent's Hospital in Taylorville she was one of the pioneer nurses sent there and spent 15 years there in faithful service. Due to poor health, she was sent to St. Francis Hospital in Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1921 where after a few months rest and a surgical operation, she again helped with nursing. She spent 8 years in Carlsbad returning to Illinois in 1929. She was assigned to St. Clement's Hospital in Red Bud, where she helped with the nursing for several years. Almost three years before her death she became a victim of advanced tuberculosis and heart trouble, and she was forced to spend the last years of her life as and invalid. A month before her death she contracted pneumonia from which she recovered, but the ordeal was too much for her weakened heart.

To all who knew Sister Hermina, she will be remembered as a religious of singular piety. During the last hours of her life, though but partly conscious, she prayed constantly. Her last conscious act was the renewal of her Holy Vows. She was well prepared for death by the Last Sacraments and longed with a holy desire for her dissolution.

Sister Hermina passed away at St. Clement's Hospital in Red Bud on October 5, 1938. She was buried in the Convent Cemetery in Ruma.