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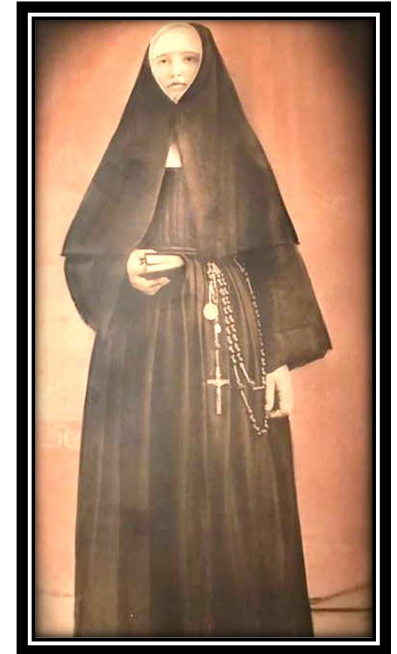
**Entered Order August 13, 1907**

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Sister Marca was born Cecelia Thecla Nix on June 12, 1891, in Wendelin, Illinois, the daughter of Celestine Silas and Regina Cecilia (Desch) Nix. Sister Celeste was baptized on June 21, 1891, at Holy Cross Church by Rev. Joachim Widmer, O.S.B. who attended to Holy Cross for a short period in the Summer of 1891.

Sister Mara spent her childhood in the Holy Cross Parish along with her siblings Dorothy (Deimel), Frank, Francis (Amend), Adam, Josephine (Sister Mary Celeste), and Rev. Henry. Following her mother's death in 1898. her father remarried Louise (Deimel) and they had two children, Sister Marca's half-siblings, Johanna (Hinterseher) and Colestine. Sister Marca would make her First Communion at Holy Cross on June 5, 1904 and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 27, 1904 conferred by Bishop John Janssen at Holy Cross.

Many members of the Nix family were called to a religious vocation. Sister Marca's Uncle Rev. Heinrich (Henry) Nix was a Roman Catholic Priest in Germany, her sister Josephine (Sr. M. Celeste) a nurse and sister with the Order of Sisters of St. Mary; her brother Henry and her first cousin Charles became priests, and another first cousin Josephine Hausner (Sr. Hermina) would become a sister with the Adorers of the Most Precious Blood.



Sister Marca entered the Order of Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ on August 13, 1907, at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and vowed to educate and minister to the suffering.

Sister Marca passed away on February 2, 1915, at the age of 23 from tuberculosis. A funeral Mass was held on February 6, 1915, at Holy Cross in Wendelin, Illinois, with burial at the Holy Cross Cemetery.