

May 7

Sister Marie Thomas Kress
1897-1970

St. Johns, Michigan marked the birthplace of Margaret Cecelia Kress, daughter of Philip and Alice Claney Kress on November 25, 1897. The Kress family also included Bernard, Elmer, Mary, Alva, Arthur, Cornelia. Leo, Henry, William, Lawrence and Pauline completed the family. Margaret attended local schools graduating in 1916. On January 6, 1921 she entered the Congregation. She received the name, Marie Thomas on August 15th of the same year. First vows were pronounced August 15, 1923. Final vows were August 15, 1926. Her sister Pauline entered the community, receiving the name, Marie Alice.

Sister Marie Thomas' teaching service was replaced rather early by a service of suffering due to illness. She spent the years from 1922 to 1928 at: St. Patrick, Wyandotte; St. Vincent, Detroit; Blessed Sacrament, Detroit; Sacred Heart, Roseville. She spent some time at St. Mary, Monroe with part of 1929 at Holy Name, Birmingham. She retired to the Motherhouse in 1935.

Her death came May 7, 1970 of congestive heart failure.

Sister Marie Thomas was very approachable and patient through so many years of suffering.

Sister liked nice things and had a particular taste for refined art and music.

Sister took care of the Community library for many years. She enjoyed listening to tape recordings of religious lecturers and tried to keep aware of the current thinking in the Church.

She had a disposition of loveable kindness, characterized by prayerful conformity to God's will.