

**Sister Zita Hess**  
(Marie Victoria Hess)  
1861 – 1940

Sister Zita Hess was born in Buffalo, New York, on March 8, 1861, the daughter of Heinrich and Martine Schell Hess. She entered the novitiate on June 26, 1887 and professed her vows on August 12, 1890 at Sacred Heart in Buffalo, New York.

Sister Zita spent her religious life performing laundry and housework duties. Most of her time was spent at Holy Rosary Mission in South Dakota, but she also spent nine years at St. Joseph's in Alliance, Nebraska. Sister Zita died at Holy Rosary Mission on January 2, 1940 and is buried in Holy Rosary Cemetery. She was the second sister of Sacred Heart Province to die.