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The death of our Rev. founder and other circumstances was the reason why this history was not continued but we will again resume the subject and hope with the assistance of Divine Providence whose Children we are justly called to continue.

One of our sisters being demanded for at St Mary's seminar to attend Rev. Mr. Caroff who was dangerously ill remained for some time until he recovered his health during which time he spoke of the interest he felt for the salvation of Persons of color, consequently of our little community, as soon as his health was perfectly restored he paid us a visit and shortly after to offer the holy sacrifice of mass in our little chapel, on Sundays, Thursdays and Great festivals, but that pleasing consolation was not to continue long, for his health being delicate he was obliged to return to Canada his former residence, where shortly after we heard of his death, afflicting at first thought, but with the consoling thought that he has gone to reap the reward of his labour and constant zeal to promote the honour and glory of God.

March 14<sup>th</sup>

Sister Frances one of the most ancient Srs of the community died on this date, feast of the Seven Doulours of the B.V. She had been together with Sister Rose several years at the Seminary charged of housekeeping, but was taken sick there of a lingering spell suffered a great deal but was very patient and resigned, she was brought after her death from the Seminary to the community where she was kept until Saturday the xxx when the holy sacrifice of mass was offered for the repose of her soul by Very Rev. Dr Deluol attended by Rev. Mr. Caroff, her funeral took place immediately after.

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Sr Mary Theresea who it is said had the thought for sixteen months of leaving, the community reasons unknown by the latter only that she wished to serve Almighty God as a true religious, therefore after being tried by her Director who at first thought to remove the apparent temptation came to the conclusion that it must have been the will of God and in consequence directed her to Monroe where she has a community finding it inconvenient to make a reform in the one she left. She was followed shortly after by Sr Ann Constance /32/ who in all appearance had petitioned to join her, the latter was sent for during the retreat which took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1846 it was the first time we had the happiness to make since the death or rather the bad health of our Rev. founder.

The retreat was directed by the Rev. father Smulders CSSR who spare no pains, he would make two instructions every day and often, the meditation.

He was as a messenger sent from heaven to bring comfort to the abandoned or apparently so if the world was consulted, but not by God for since the establishment of the community, not once has Almighty God ceased to bestow his gifts and graces notwithstanding our unworthiness. This retreat was a preparation for the renewal of our vows which took place on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Holy Mother, they were renewed in the presence of Rev. Father Chakert and since then that festival is appointed for the renewal which was formerly the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.