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TEACHER BECOMES SISTER OF CHARITY

Miss Genevieve McCarthy, teacher of the sixth grade in Baldwinsville's North Side grammar school for the past several years, left this morning for Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she will enter the religious community of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, July 19.

Miss McCarthy recently tendered her resignation to the board of education.

Upon entering the religious community in Maryland, she will serve as a novice for one year, called a novitiate, where she will learn the rules of the order and receive training. The novitiate is given one year in which to make up her mind whether she desires to stay.

Still of that mind after a period of one year, the novitiate takes her first vows as a sister. The vows are those of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The Sisters of Charity carry on work as teachers, as nurses, care of the young in orphanages, and homes for the aged and visit the poor and needy. They are obedient to the head of the order in that they may be sent by her to any destination to carry on their work. The vows of the sisters in this order are renewed from year to year it was explained yesterday. There is nothing compulsory which says they must remain in the order except their own will to do so.

No sudden decision on Miss McCarthy's part, relatives and friends said yesterday, she had looked forward to taking this step for several years but until recently had not felt free to do so.

Miss McCarthy is a graduate of Baldwinsville academy and of Oswego Normal school. She taught at Rush N. Y. for several years before accepting the position as teacher in the local school system.