

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES, USA

BLESSED HANNA CHRYZANOWSKA, RN



Hanna was born in 1902 in Warsaw, Poland to a wealthy and loving family. From an early age, Hanna became interested in nursing. She was surrounded by healthcare. Her relatives owned hospitals and her aunt worked as a pediatric nurse. She loved visiting her aunt and seeing her care for her patients. As a young girl, Hanna became very sick and she had to stay in the hospital. The experience of the hospital reaffirmed her love of nursing.

When Hanna grew older, she went to a nursing school in Paris, France. There, she received her nursing degree and met her friend, Maria, who was deeply religious. Maria inspired Hanna to fall in love with her Catholic faith. This helped Hanna realize that she could marry her two passions: nursing and faith. She loved her profession so much that she rarely slowed down. She taught nursing, started a Polish nurses community, enlisted in World War II where she bravely tended to the wounded, and organized food banks to serve the hungry.

After the war, she started a new type of ministry called parish nursing. Nurses became involved in their parish - not only taking care of people physically, but also mentally and spiritually. During

this time, Hanna mainly cared for the homebound and the chronically sick. She felt that it was her call to not only act as the hands and feet of Christ but also to see Christ in everyone she came in contact with. She treated her patients with the utmost dignity and did her best to spread the love and joy of Christ.

When she wasn't doing one of many of her nursing duties, Hanna enjoyed listening to music, writing stories and spending time in the great outdoors. She loved walking through the mountains and meditating. Hanna died on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1973 and her feast day is celebrated on April 28th.

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