

SISTER STANISLAUS

Visitation Convent
St. Paul, Minn.
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My very dear Sister,

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me. It is just a line to tell you that I expect to go to St. Joseph's Hospital this week to have an operation on my knee, not amputation. Just open the knee to scrape the bone. Of course, it will be very painful and I shall have to stay for five weeks in hospital.

But the doctor will not permit me to have visitors. He wants me to be perfectly quiet so please do not come down. If at the end I feel like it I shall let you know. The dr. said my general condition is good so he thinks I will get through alright. My knee will be stiff but the pain will be gone and I will be able to walk. It is the only hope of me ever getting out of bed. So fifteen months tied in bed is quite enough suffering.

I shall take the last chance. And if God wills me to die alright but I don't feel I will. If I should die please do not come to the funeral. Just have a Mass said and go to Communion on the day. Now this is my request. Your coming would be a pleasure to me and you would see little of me.

May Ryan is going to take care of me and I will ask her to tell just how I am. Perhaps Bina can see May and find out just how I am. I trust all will be right. I tell you because I feared you might hear it and could not understand. In the meantime please pray for me.

I hope all are well. Busy I am sure.

I am as ever your affectionate sister.

Sr. Stanislaus