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Photos for Sister Bernardine Bickler Interview



Francisian Sister Bernardine Bickler



Michael Miller and Sister Bernardine Bickler



Sister Bernardine on her 80th birthday at the Convent of St. Francis, Hankinson, North Dakota, October, 1993. She celebrated her 60th Jubilee in 1995 having made her First Profession of Vows in 1935.



The Lewis and Barbara (Bohl) Bickler Family in late 1940s Back row: Peter, Louis, Magdalene Hager, Amy Jo Ellis, Rose Sperry, Wendelin and Michael; front row: Ludwina Volk (deceased) father Lewis Bickler, Sister Bernardine (Elizabeth), mother Barbara and Margaret Axtman.



Lewis and Katherina Thomas Bickler
Married: January 8, 1913 in St. Mathias Church, Orrin, Pierce County, ND.



Elizabeth Bickler (Sister Bernardine), age 4
near Orrin, ND in 1917.



Sister Bernardine as a postulant at Convent
of St. Francis, Hankinson, ND.



Sister Bernardine made her perpetual vows with her four-year-old sister Amy Jo Bickler Ellis.



(left to right): Franciscan Sisters Bernardine Bickler, Elizabeth Klein, Mary Sand and Hilda Hammerl at their 25th Silver Jubilee in 1960.



Sister Bernardine with a display of her work at Convent of St. Francis, Hankinson, ND.

One of her hobbies is crocheting. Her paternal grandmother did much needle work including altar linens and surplices for the priests.