



*Sisters of Charity*  
of Cincinnati

# FACT SHEET

*The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, an apostolic Catholic community of women religious, exist to carry out the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer and service in the world.*

## HISTORY

- 1809 - The Sisters of Charity were founded by St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- 1829 - Four Sisters of Charity first came to Cincinnati.
- 1852 - Mother Margaret Farrell George founded the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, a separate community from the Sisters in Emmitsburg.
- 1975 - Elizabeth Ann Seton canonized a saint.

## NEWS

In March 2017, filming began on the pilot of "At the End of the Santa Fe Trail" - a television series based on the life of Sister of Charity of Cincinnati S. Blandina Segale. S. Blandina is currently under consideration for beatification and canonization in the Catholic Church. Producers and those working closely on the canonization process are hoping the series will spread S. Blandina's message of nonviolence, her love for the poor, and her advocacy for health care and public schools.



*S. Carol Marie Power (left), with Alma Sisneros, the actress portraying S. Blandina Segale, visited the filming of the pilot of "At the End of the Santa Fe Trail" in March.*

## LEADERSHIP



The elected Leadership Council of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati includes (front row, from left) Sister Louise Lears, SC, councilor; Sister Marge Kloos, SC, councilor; (back row, from left) Sister Mary Bookser, SC, councilor; Sister Joan Elizabeth Cook, SC, president; and Sister Mary Caroline Marchal, SC, councilor.

The four-year term of the elected governing body runs through June 30, 2019.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Currently, 289 members of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati serve in 23 U.S. dioceses (15 states) and two foreign countries. A total of 228 Sisters serve in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Ministries include education, health care, retreat work, parish, social work, ministry of prayer and congregational service. More specifically, Sisters minister in elementary, high school and university education, chaplaincy, justice education and advocacy, health care, retreat work, prison and jail ministry, parish and pastoral ministry, social services, counseling, earth and sustainability ministry, spiritual direction, formation ministry, congregational services and the ministry of prayer.

DIOCESES				FOREIGN COUNTRIES
Brownsville	Denver	Juneau	Pueblo	
Cincinnati	Detroit	Kalamazoo	Saginaw	Guatemala
Cleveland	Dubuque	Lansing	San Francisco	Mexico
Colorado Springs	El Paso	Las Cruces	Santa Fe	
Columbus	Fort Wayne	Louisville	Toledo	
Covington	Helena	New Orleans	Venice	
	Indianapolis	New York		

## ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati are joined by 206 Associates, lay women and men, who reside throughout the United States. The Sister/Associate relationship was established in 1973 so that individuals could partner with the Sisters in responding to the Gospel in the spirit of St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton.

## NONPROFIT MINISTRIES

*Since the Community was founded, the Sisters of Charity have sponsored numerous schools, hospitals, orphanages and social service agencies. They continue to sponsor the following ministries, which are all in Cincinnati.*

**Seton High School (1854)** is a comprehensive, Catholic high school for girls. Originally founded as Mount St. Vincent Academy, it was renamed Seton High School in 1927.

**St. Joseph Home (1873)** is a residential facility for children and adults with severe mental and multiple physical disabilities. Founded as St. Joseph Infant Asylum, it also served for many years as St. Joseph Infant and Maternity Home.

**Mount St. Joseph University (1920)** is a coeducational, Catholic liberal arts university serving 2,300 students.

**Bayley (1990)** is a continuing care retirement community that offers a full spectrum of lifestyle options that promote engagement, wellness and vitality. Bayley offers progressive services for adults through two service lines: *Bayley Access*, a collection of programs enabling older adults still living at home to enjoy community and fellowship, and *Bayley Living*, which provides varied residential options for mature adults of all faiths.

**DePaul Cristo Rey High School (2009)** provides an opportunity for young women and men with economic need to obtain a Catholic, college preparatory education made affordable through an innovative corporate work study program.

After a long history of sponsoring hospitals and a health-care system, the Sisters of Charity joined with 10 other congregations in 1996 to create and sponsor Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national health-care organization.



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