



Sisters of Charity

of Cincinnati

and the former Vincentian Sisters of Charity

Seton Legacy of Charity 1809-2010 FACT SHEET



1809 Sisters of Charity were founded by St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton in Emmitsburg, Md.

1812 The Rule of the Sisters of Charity was approved and a novitiate was opened. St. Joseph Academy in Emmitsburg was opened.

1814 Sisters open their first orphan asylum at St. Joseph parish in Philadelphia, Pa.

1821 St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton died.

1829 Four Sisters of Charity arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they opened St. Peter's Orphan Asylum for Girls and St. Peter's Girls' School.



1852 Under the leadership of S. Margaret George, seven Sisters formed the diocesan community of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. The Sisters opened St. Joseph Orphan Asylum for Boys and St. John's Hospital, later named Good Samaritan.



1857 Mount St. Vincent Motherhouse and Academy opened at the present site of Seton High School. Sisters traveled to Dayton, Ohio, to open the community's first mission outside Cincinnati.



1860 Sisters of Charity answered the call to serve during the Civil War, providing nurses on the battlefields and in military hospitals throughout the war.



1865 Sisters of Charity opened their first mission in the New Mexico Territory – St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe. Other hospitals and schools followed on the front range of the Rocky Mountains.



1872 The first parochial school staffed by the Sisters of Charity in Michigan was St. Augustine in Kalamazoo. Other schools followed as well as St. Joseph Hospital in Mount Clemens.



1873 St. Joseph Infant and Maternity Home, now known as St. Joseph Home, opened in Cincinnati.



1884 Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse moved to Delhi Township, Ohio. In 1906 Mount St. Joseph Academy opened there.



1897 The Sisters of Charity inaugurated Santa Maria Institute in Cincinnati to serve Italian immigrants.



1920 The College of Mount St. Joseph was founded.



1928 Sisters of Charity took charge of a hospital and orphanage in Wuchang, China.



1945 The Sisters of Charity opened El Pomar (Julie Penrose Center) in Colorado Springs, Colo., as the first Catholic women's retreat house west of the Mississippi River.



1961 The Sisters of Charity arrived at their first mission in Peru, on the altiplano and in Lima.

1973 The Sisters of Charity Associate program was inaugurated.



1975 Elizabeth Bayley Seton was named the first American-born saint in the Catholic church.



1979 The Sisters of Charity Health Care Systems was formed to facilitate the operation of all Sisters of Charity-sponsored hospitals.



1990 Bayley Place, an assisted living and nursing care facility, opened. Senior Care Corporation, under which Bayley operates, has grown to include Eldermount Adult Day Center, The Village at Bayley Place and the Wellness Center.



2004 The Vincentian Sisters of Charity of Bedford, Ohio, merged with the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. Light of Hearts Villa in Bedford became a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity.

2009 The Sisters of Charity throughout the United States and Canada celebrated the 200-year history of charity and dedication that was begun by a small band of young women under the inspiration of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md. This was a special year of rejoicing and celebration as the Sisters and Daughters of Charity honored the life and accomplishments of a remarkable woman, wife, mother, convert and foundress – the first native born American saint.



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