



Sisters of Charity of Nazareth on way to make a foundation in Union County, Ky.

• *Sisters of Charity of Nazareth*

Right Rev. Benedict Flaget, Bishop of Bardstown, cooperated with the Superior of his new seminary, Rev. J. B. David, in his plans for the founding of a needed religious community of women, capable of giving instruction to the children who were fast filling the homes of the sturdy Catholic settlers of Kentucky. In 1812 Teresa Carrico and Elizabeth Wells offered themselves for entrance into the new foundation and in January Catherine Spalding, who became the Superioress, joined them in the log house in Nelson County where community life was inaugurated. Today there are more than 1,100 Sisters of Charity of Nazareth laboring in various sections of the United States.



A Sister of Notre Dame de Namur instructing white and Indian children in Oregon in 1844.

5011. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Father de Smet, Apostle of the Rockies, went to Europe in 1843 to solicit helpers. In 1844 he returned to Oregon with new laborers, among whom were six Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. They opened a school at St. Mary's and counted among their pupils Indian squaws who stayed to learn catechism with their children. These Sisters endured every hardship for the welfare of the most abandoned of Christ's fold. This was the simple beginning of the glorious apostolate of Catholic education on the Pacific coast by this community which has since spread to all sections of the country.

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Sisters of the Holy Cross on ship • Sisters of the Holy Cross

America in 1843.

On July 16, 1843 four Sisters of the newly founded congregation of the Holy Cross arrived in New York City after a stormy ocean voyage. En route to the historic Portage Prairie district which was to become their headquarters the Sisters stopped in Detroit to visit the Bishop of that city. Under his authorization their first school was later opened in Bertrand, Mich. Arriving in Indiana the Sisters were assigned for living quarters the loft of the now famous log chapel of the University of Notre Dame. Today the 1,300 members of this community are engaged in education, hospital and charitable work in all parts of the country.



Sisters of St. Francis arriving at their mission station on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1849.

• *Sisters of the Third Order
of St. Francis Assisi*

This community, known also as the Sisters of Penance and Charity, was established in the United States in 1849. In that year six young women, Tertiaries of the Third Order Secular of St. Francis came to Milwaukee, Wis. to found a community of the Third Order Regular. Upon the advice of Bishop Martin Henni the little band established themselves at Nojoshing, now known as St. Francis, Wis., on the shore of Lake Michigan. This formed the initial group of the many Franciscan communities, who following the dictates of the Seraphic Saint, have helped to build and form this great nation.

Assumption (Aug. 15).



Sisters of Providence arriving in New York on September 5, 1840.

• *Sisters of Providence*

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the Woods, came to America in 1840 under the leadership of Mother Theodore Guerin, at the request of the Bishop of Vincennes, Monsignor de la Hailandiere. The history of the saintly Foundress and her young community was from the first one of crosses and hardship. From the wilderness of Indiana the work of the Congregation has spread to all parts of the United States where nearly 1,700 religious are active in educational work.



On the way to Milwaukee, 1850, loss of a stagecoach. School Sisters of Notre Dame into snow

When the Ven. Mother Teresa, the Superior General of the School Sisters of Notre Dame brought the first Sisters destined for the American missions, it was understood that the community would undertake educational work in "the poor schools" of this country. The early days of the Sisters' work were filled with difficulties but the continued demand for their educational services found them expanding throughout the country. When Ven. Mother Teresa returned to Europe in 1848 there were but 15 Sisters conducting four schools. Today the community counts some 5,300 Sisters and has charge of 144,300 children in parochial and commercial schools, orphanages, high schools and colleges.



Visitation Nuns and some of their charges watching the burning of Washington during the War of 1812.

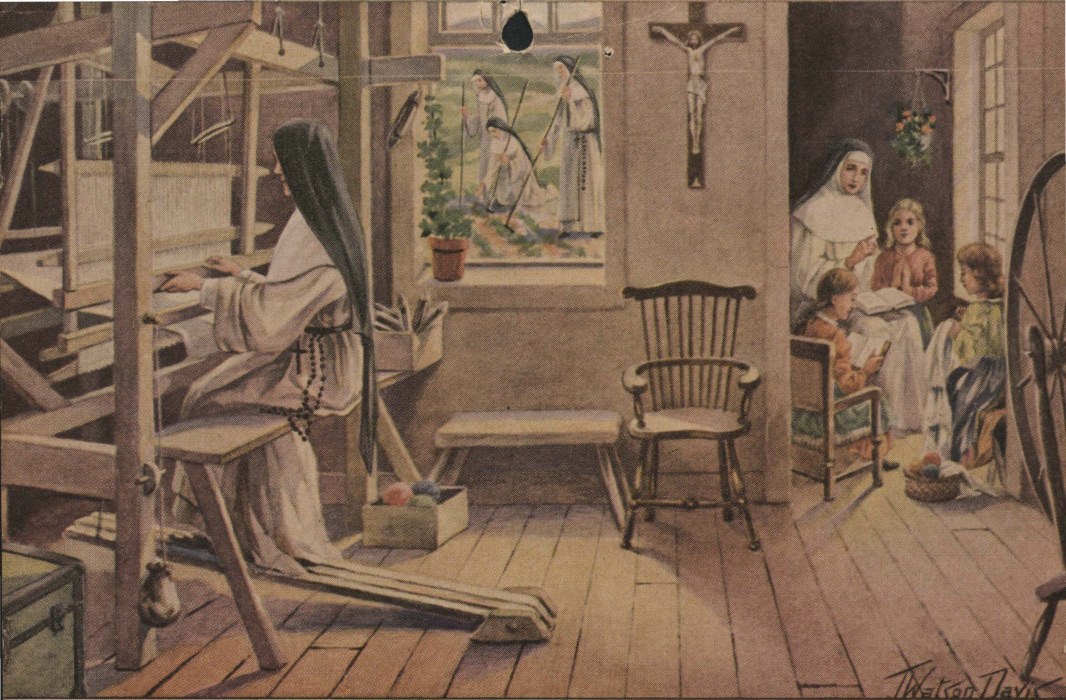
JUNE • Visitation Nuns

The canonical establishment in the United States in 1816 of the Visitation Nuns, whose history in this country is inseparably linked with historic Georgetown Visitation Convent, Washington, D. C., was antedated by the foundation, in 1799, of that institution as a "Young Ladies' Academy" under the direction of three pious ladies. In 1816 Bishop Neala obtained from Pope Pius VII the authority to establish canonically as a house of the Visitation Order—founded by St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane Frances de Chantal—the community who had so patiently labored at Georgetown for the good of religion.



Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul • *Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul* • *ng the Civil War*

This community, known also as the "Cornette" Sisters of Charity, have not only centered their activities upon teaching, but have participated in every emergency in the country. On battlefields and in hospitals throughout the Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars, they have ministered to the wounded just as they nursed the victims of cholera, yellow fever and smallpox. They now care, not only for children in their various orphanages and asylums, but are in charge of the National Leprosarium of the United States located in Carville, La.



The Dominican Sisters in their first Convent at St. Catharine, Kentucky, in 1822.



Ven. M. Bourgeoys, foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame, teaching French and Indian children.



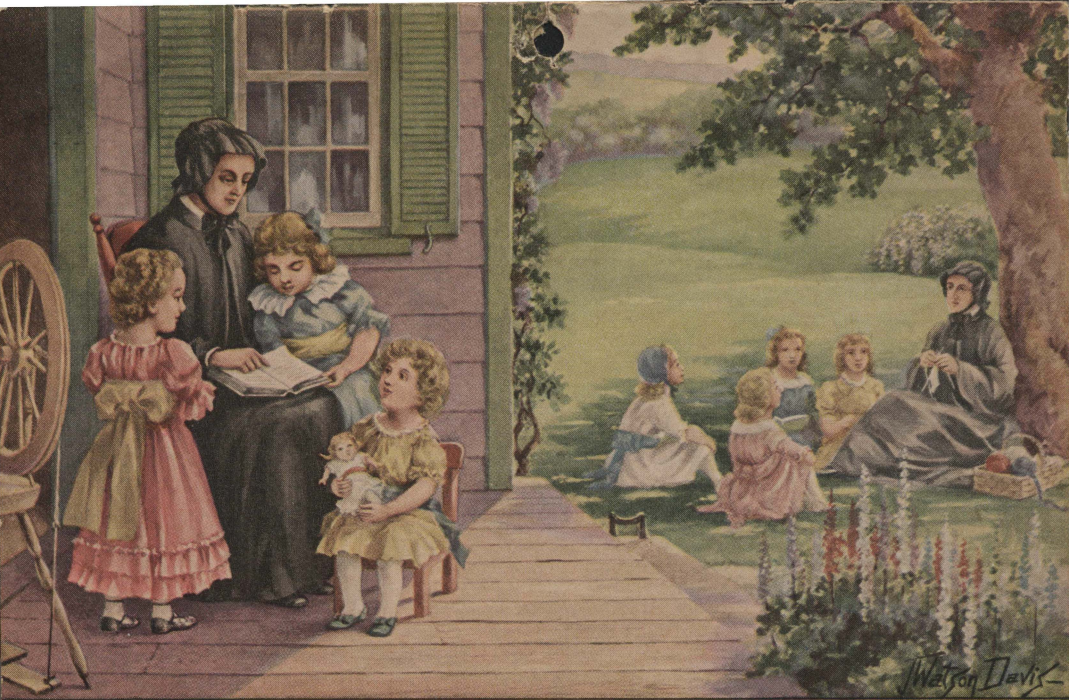
The first Carmelites brought to the United States by Bishop Carroll in 1790.



Mother d'Youville, foundress of the Grey Nuns, rescuing two French Canadian children (1752).



President Jackson thanks the Ursulines in New Orleans for their prayers when the city was attacked.



Mother Elizabeth Seton, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, outside her school.



Blessed Philippine Duchesne arriving at the Indian settlement at Sugar Creek, Indian Territory.



Mother Drexel, foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, with some Indian and Negro children.



Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Bishop Loras arriving at Dubuque.



Sister Fanny Allen, daughter of Ethan Allen, nursing in the hospital of Hospitallers of St. Joseph.



J. Walton Davis

Bishop Rosati welcoming the first Sisters of St. Joseph at his Cathedral in St. Louis in 1836.



Mother Bridget Hayden, of the Lorette Sisters, saved from the wrath of an Indian by his daughter.

Sisters of Mercy

Since 1843, when they came to the United States from Ireland, the Sisters of Mercy, who now number about 10,000 in this country, have performed the works of mercy in behalf of the needy. They have volunteered their services in times of public calamity, nursing the victims of war, of typhus, cholera, and flu, and aiding the injured and homeless victims of fire and flood. After the great Chicago fire in 1871, they opened the doors of their hospital to the injured, sick, and homeless, and cared for them as long as there was need.

