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CONGREGATIONS OF WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

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Foreword

Journey Together in Christ A Chronicle of Religious Communities That Have Served the Archdiocese of Boston during the Last 200 Years

In 2005 His Eminence, Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap. created a committee to plan for the celebration of the Archdiocesan Bicentennial. Cardinal Seán's vision for the 200th Anniversary celebration included this comment that has given direction to all Bicentennial events and projects:

The Archdiocesan Bicentennial should help us to look at our history with gratitude, reverence the present and move into the future with hope, confident that God is with us always.

As Delegate for Religious for the Archdiocese of Boston, I have the blessing and privilege of witnessing the dedication and faithful service of more than 120 communities of Sisters, Brothers and Religious Priests. "The love of Christ impels" (2 Cor 5:14) them to prayer and generous service of others. The words of Christ: "Go sell all that you have and come follow me," (Mt 19:21) have inspired countless men and women to say yes to the Call to Religious Life. The charisms of religious communities, the inspiration on which each community was founded, are precious jewels that mirror the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John, "That all may be one". (Jn 17:1) Men and women religious engage in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to bring all closer to God and neighbor.

My hope for the Bicentennial celebration was to try to document the ministry and life of the many religious communities that are part of the Archdiocese of Boston.

The following pages represent a wonderful Love Story. They speak of courageous founders, faith-filled major superiors, and devoted religious who responded generously to the invitation to come to Boston. Concerned for the pastoral care of a large immigrant population, and trusting in the providence of God, religious communities built schools, hospitals and social service agencies. Their legacy for the next 200 years is that with God all things are possible.

I am very grateful to all the religious communities that submitted entries for this publication. I pray that God will bless them abundantly for their presence in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Marian Batho, CSJ
Delegate for Religious, Archdiocese of Boston
October 28, 2008

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October 28, 2008

Introduction

Before boundaries were set, Catholic women and men religious were ministering in the New World. The first Roman Catholic diocese, Baltimore, was established in 1789. On April 8, 1808, four new Roman Catholic dioceses were established in the United States of America: Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown. At that time the diocese of Boston included all the New England States. Beginning in 1843, other dioceses were carved out of the diocese of Boston. In 2008 the Archdiocese of Boston includes part of the state of Massachusetts.

Because of the changes in the geographical boundaries, it has not been possible to make this publication comprehensive of all the congregations of women and men whose ministry has been in the Diocese/Archdiocese of Boston since its inception. Nevertheless this publication is a tribute to the women and men who, from the establishment of the diocese of Boston in 1808 have worked and walked together with each other in a life of consecration, who have worked and walked together with laity and with clergy to make visible and to build up the church by serving each other and their neighbors.

In the Bicentennial Prayer we can hear the aspirations and achievements of the religious women and men who have gone before us, as well as of those currently ministering within the Archdiocese, in their endeavor to keep the spirit of the current motto—to JOURNEY TOGETHER IN CHRIST.

THE BICENTENNIAL PRAYER

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
For two hundred years we have journeyed together
as members of his Church in the Archdiocese of Boston.
We have tried to live the gospel message in service to one another.
Continue to walk with us as we seek to be receptive to your grace in Word and sacrament.
Send us your spirit to enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills and open our hearts.
By our witness may others know you.
Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate,
may the Church in Boston JOURNEY TOGETHER IN CHRIST
with courage, joy and peace. Amen.

A NOTE ON METHOD

Although there has been some editing of the responses, generally, they are as they were submitted. Some are very brief; while others are longer; and all are interesting and inspiring. Occasionally, there is only a notation of the congregation, date of arrival in Boston, first place of ministry, a motto and congregational initials.

Descriptions of congregations are arranged chronologically by year of coming to the Diocese of Boston and are grouped by dates coinciding with the term of the Diocesan Bishop.

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1808-1825

Bishop: John Lefevre de Cheverus (1808-1825)

Ursulines 1819 Charlestown To Him alone the glory! OSU

[Bishop Cheverus'] third project was to prepare to house the **Ursulines**. About the beginning of the year **1819** he bought for this purpose a plot of land adjoining the Cathedral property on the East. . . . In June, **1820**, Bishop Cheverus went to Montreal, where he met the four Ursulines, two professed and two novices, and accompanied them to Boston. By the 18th of July they were installed in their new house here. . . . As soon as they arrived, they had begun to teach catechism, and by early September had already done much to renew the spirit of piety among the young girls, and had also received a postulant as a lay sister. They planned not to take boarders until the next year, but would keep a day-school for poor girls: and indeed in September, they opened their school with more than one hundred young girls as pupils, divided between morning and afternoon sessions. . . . Thus, Boston had its first really parochial school.

[Robert Howard Lord, John E. Sexton, Edward T. Harrington.
History of the Archdiocese of Boston in the Various Stages of Its Development 1604-1943.
(New York: Sheed and Ward, 1944) Vol. I, 723, 724.]

Name of Community: Ursulines of the Roman Union

Date of Foundation in Archdiocese of Boston: 1819

Sisters stayed in the Rectory of Holy Cross while the Monastery was being built. The first Ursuline Academy, Mount Benedict, Charlestown, was burnt in 1834.

Mission Statement:

We are the daughters of Saint Angela Merici, members of an International Order, commissioned by the Church to undertake the work of evangelization through the media of education on every level.

We have inherited Angela's distinctive interweaving of contemplation and apostolate that leads us to respond to every person's deepest need, the need of God.

As members of the Northeastern Province, directly descended from Mary of the Incarnation, we are courageously dedicated to the spread of the Kingdom, despite the very real limitations of our paucity of number and encroachment of age. Our very neediness is a claim on God's merciful omnipotence.

To Him alone is the glory!

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Ministries:

1819-1834 Charlestown

1946-1959 Boston

1958- Dedham

Ursuline Academy--Independent college preparatory day school for young women in grades 7-12

65 Lowder Street

Dedham, MA

Significant Dates:

1535 Foundation in Brescia, Italy by St. Angela Merici

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1825-1846

Bishop: Benedict Joseph Fenwick, SJ (1825-1846)

Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul	1832	Boston (Fort Hill)	The sick and the poor claim their attention, and they are continually doing good.	DC
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Who We Are:

The **Daughters of Charity** are a worldwide Society of Apostolic Life called to serve Jesus Christ in the person of the poor and the marginalized. Motivated by the love of Christ and strengthened by a deep prayer life, we live and pray in community, supporting each other in our common mission of service. Like women in other communities, we make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. What distinguishes us, however, is a fourth vow of service of the poor. Another distinction is that Daughters of Charity do not make perpetual vows, but renew them every year on the Feast of the Annunciation, which permits us to choose again our commitment to our God and to the poor.

How We Began:

Our mission of assisting the most abandoned goes back to 1633 when a French peasant priest, Vincent de Paul, and an aristocratic widow, Louise de Marillac, established the Daughters of Charity in response to the cries of the poor in seventeenth century France. Over time, the community spread to every corner of the globe in response to the needs of those who are poor.

The white wings of the Daughters of Charity became the universal symbol of charity throughout the world.

Date of Establishment in Boston: 1832, Fort Hill, Boston

What We Do:

Our Ministries include education, spirituality, health care, social ministry, the creative arts, pastoral ministry and advocacy for change. As needs change, so do our services. Our mission calls us to be innovative and inventive, collaborative and inclusive. In whatever we do, we strive to perform our service in imitation of Jesus Christ.

Significant Dates:

1832 In 1832 the Sisters of Charity assumed sponsorship of St Aloysius Day School founded by Bishop Fenwick in Cambridge Massachusetts. During 1832 cholera epidemic Sisters working at the school cared for orphaned children and began St Vincent's Home for Girls. In 1948, the orphan asylum closed and Immaculate Conception school staffed by the Daughters of Charity opened in the former St. Vincent's

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Home building. The School was transferred to the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1953.

1863 Carney Hospital opened in South Boston under the administration of the Daughters of Charity. Carney Hospital served the healthcare needs of the community including providing care for soldiers wounded in the Spanish American War and World War I, treating victims of the 1918 Influenza Epidemic, and introducing several medical and surgical advances to the Boston area. In 1953 the Hospital moved to a new facility in Dorchester, MA. The Daughters of Charity transferred sponsorship of the Hospital to Caritas Christi Health Care System in 1997.

1864 The Temporary Home for Destitute Catholic Children of Boston began in 1864 under the direction of Catholic laypeople. In 1866 the Daughters of Charity assumed sponsorship and administration of the Home. It functioned as a temporary home for Catholic children available for adoption in Catholic homes across the United States. In 1946 the name changed to the Home for Catholic Children. The Home opened a new facility in 1953 in Jamaica Plain, MA and was renamed Nazareth Child Care Center. Nazareth gave short-term care to children whose families were in crisis. It operated until 1985 when the residential program closed. After the closure of the residential program, the Seton pre-school and Day Care Center continued to operate under the administration of the Daughters of Charity and the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Boston. During the 1990's Nazareth family Center began providing care for foster children, and providing services to families affected by HIV / AIDS.

1865 The Daughters of Charity were invited to St. Peter's Parish in Lowell to staff a school for factory girls.

1866 St Mary's School in Dedham MA began. The Daughters staffed the school until 1879 when the school closed for lack of support. It was inaccessible to the majority of Catholic children in Boston.

1867 St John's Hospital opened in Lowell, MA under the administration of the Daughters of Charity. The School of Nursing opened in 1892, and closed in 1951 when it merged with Carney and St Margaret's schools of nursing to form Catherine Labouré School of Nursing. The Daughters of Charity withdrew from St John's in 1961. Administrative responsibilities for the hospital were transferred to Sisters of St Martha of Nova Scotia.

1870 The Sisters opened an orphan asylum and continued to operate it and the school until 1887, when the Daughters withdrew from the parish.

1874 The maternity wing of Carney Hospital is incorporated as St. Ann's Infant Asylum and Lying In Hospital, eventually moving out of the Carney facilities to become St. Mary's Asylum and St Margaret's Hospital in Dorchester.

1892 Carney Hospital School of Nursing, the first Catholic School of Nursing in New England, opens at Carney Hospital. In 1951 it joined St Margaret's Hospital School of Nursing, and St John's Hospital Lowell to form Catherine Labouré School of Nursing. The school opened at the College's present location, adjacent to the Carney Hospital, and operated as an independent three- year diploma school. The School of Nursing's charter was amended in 1971 and the College was established with associate degree- granting authority in nursing and allied health. The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul sponsored the college until February 1, 1997. Caritas Christi Health Care System now sponsors the College.

1893 St. Mary's School opened in Franklin, MA at the request of the Pastor of St Mary's Parish, Rev Martin Lee. In 1900 St. Mary's Church was destroyed by fire leaving the parish in debt and unable to properly finance the school. As a result, the Daughters withdrew in 1902.

1907 Columbus Day Nursery was opened in South Boston by the Knights of Columbus to care for immigrant children and aid their mothers. It quickly expanded from a day nursery to a multi-service agency providing a spectrum of services to the local community including day care and a visiting nursing service. In 1947 the Knights of Columbus transferred responsibility for Columbus Day Nursery to the Archdiocese of Boston and it was renamed Labouré Center. Labouré clinic, a health care clinic specializing in maternity care, was opened in 1966 under the auspices of Labouré Center. In 1992 Labouré Center joined Catholic Charities. The Daughters of Charity withdrew their participation in 2000.

1908 St John of God Hospital opened as a hospital for contagious diseases. Originally named the Boston Homeopathic Hospital it changed its name to the Haynes Memorial Hospital, and eventually to St John of God Hospital when it became a chronic disease facility in 1960. In 1974 the Daughters of Charity took over the administration of the Hospital from the Hospitaller Brothers of St John of God. The Daughters of

Charity continued to work in Pastoral Care at St John of God until the Archdiocese of Boston closed the hospital in 2000.

1962 St Joseph's School opened in 1962 in Holbrook MA and was staffed by the Daughters of Charity at the request of Cardinal Richard Cushing and Rev Charles Murphy. The sisters taught two sections of first and second grade. Additional grades were added each year until the school taught students in grades K-8 in 1972. St Joseph's also supports a large CCD program. The Daughters of Charity continue to work at St Joseph's School and several parish and social service ministries in Holbrook.

Where We Are:

Today, the Daughters of Charity are an international community of over 23,000 women ministering throughout 90 countries in the world. Wherever there is human suffering, you will find Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, happy, dedicated, caring, creative.

Carney Hospital

Labouré Center

Nazareth Child Care Center



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1846-1866

Bishop: John Bernard Fitzpatrick (1846-1866)

Order of St. Augustine (Augustinians)	1848	Lawrence	To go wherever needed	OSA
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Name of Community: The Augustinians, OSA, Order of Saint Augustine, Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: James O'Donnell, OSA, was the first Augustinian to serve in the Archdiocese of Boston. He came in 1848 and was assigned to Lawrence, MA, in that year by Bishop Fitzpatrick of Boston.

Mission Statement:

Mission: The Order of Brothers of Saint Augustine, Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova, is a Catholic religious community of men with over two hundred years of history in the United States. The Augustinians serve in a variety of ministries, including parishes, high schools, higher education, missions in Japan, Peru, and South Africa, as well as direct a national volunteer community that cares for the elderly, teaches and mentors youth, runs soup kitchens and food pantries. It is in the service of others that Augustinians serve God.

Vision: It is in the ongoing journey of life that Augustinians travel as brothers and servants to others. As part of an international religious brotherhood, our mission is to go wherever we are needed so that God's kingdom of peace and justice can be manifested and spread throughout the world. Ours is a global vision that recognizes one human family, celebrates its diversity, and heals its division. We do this by both example and action, by teaching and serving, by improving the quality of people's lives, individually and as part of their communities.

Significant Dates:

Augustinian Friars served in the following parishes and institutions beginning in the year noted: Saint Mary Parish, Lawrence, MA-1848

Saint Augustine Parish, Andover, MA -1853

Saint Laurence O'Toole Parish, Lawrence, MA-1875 (now closed)

Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lawrence, MA -1889 (now closed)

Holy Rosary Parish, Lawrence, MA-1904

Saint Augustine Parish, Tower Hill, Lawrence, MA-1920 (now part of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Parish, established in 2000, and staffed by Augustinian Friars)
 Merrimack College, North Andover, MA-1947 (Friars' Residence: Good Counsel Monastery, 1947-2004, moved to Austin House, 2004 to present)
 Austin Preparatory School, Reading, MA-1963 (friars withdrew in 1987, but school continues) Saint Ambrose Friary, Andover, MA -1997
 Austin House, North Andover, MA-2004
 Casa Agustin, House of Discernment for Hispanic and Latino Men, Lawrence, MA-2006

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Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur	1849	Boston	How good is the good God!	SNDdeN
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Name of Community: Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

In 1846, the Potato Famine began in Ireland. From farms, cities and villages, Catholic immigrants fled to America as an alternative to starvation. Through the last years of the 1840's, many thousands of new Americans arrived in Boston. Those who survived the raging illness known as "ship fever" arrived in weak condition into an often-hostile environment. Meetings protesting their presence were common; anti-immigrant fliers were distributed throughout the city of Boston.

It was into this environment that the first three **Sisters of Notre Dame** came on **November 12, 1849**. They had come to Boston at the invitation of Bishop John Bernard Fitzpatrick and Father John McElroy, S. J. who had sent a petition to Sister Superior Louise and Bishop Purcell in Cincinnati, Ohio for Sisters. Father McElroy was then pastor of St. Mary's parish in the North End and he was anxious for qualified teachers for the parish school. On November 15, the three Sisters began to teach the children of St. Mary's. Over 100 children came that day to fill the two small classrooms. By September, the little community of Sisters in Boston grew to seven to serve the rapidly growing number of pupils.

Thus did the Sisters of Notre Dame begin their mission of teaching poor children in the archdiocese of Boston. Their **MISSION**, as now stated, is this: "Sisters of Notre Dame, women with hearts as wide as the world, make known God's goodness and love of the poor through a Gospel way of life, community and prayer. Continuing a strong education tradition, we take our stand with poor people, especially women and children, in the most abandoned places. Each of us commits her one and only life to work with others to create justice and peace for all."

Over the decades, thousands of children were taught, sodalities formed and buildings were built. The immigrant church in Massachusetts was flourishing and the Sisters of Notre Dame were offering education as a door to a better future.

Throughout the 19th century, the Sisters continued that mission and extended their schools rapidly into towns within and outside of the city of Boston. The first school at St. Mary's was quickly followed by schools in Lowell, Roxbury, Lawrence, East Boston, South Boston, Salem, Cambridge, and Somerville. The list goes on and on. The education that the Sisters of Notre Dame offered was a distinctive one based on their European roots in Belgium. It was a curriculum based on that of the Christian Brothers and was advanced for its day. Students learned the normal reading and writing but to these subjects were added double entry bookkeeping and needlework. Their learning was both practical and artistically oriented.

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In the 20th century the Sisters of Notre Dame began to expand into the farther reaches of the archdiocese. They began teaching in West Lynn, Andover, Hudson, Dorchester, Brighton, Beverly, West Newton, and Tyngsboro. In 1919, Emmanuel College, the first Catholic college for women in New England opened on the Fenway in Boston. Now a coed college, Emmanuel has continued its success. Also during this period, six Sisters of Notre Dame left Waltham in 1924 to begin the first foundation in Okayama, Japan.

The New England journey of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur has continued on the path of growth set in 1849. For well over a century and a half, the Sisters led generations of children into the American mainstream and imparting faith and trust in our good and loving God.

Ministries:

The history of the Sisters of Notre Dame centered on education for over two centuries. In recent decades the Sisters have developed a wider sense of “education” and now the Notre Dame ministries include: Social Services, Health Care, Pastoral Service, Justice and Peace, United Nations Representatives, Prison Ministry, Service to Elderly, Community Activity and Community Service.

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Franciscan Friars 1860 Lowell OFM

Name of Community: Franciscan Friars (Order of Friars Minor, OFM), Holy Name Province.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: Emiliano Gerbi da Nazzano was the first Franciscan to serve in the Archdiocese of Boston. He came in **1860** and was assigned to St. Patrick Church in Lowell, and soon afterwards to St. Mary’s Church in Charlestown.

Mission Statement:

Holy Name Province of the Order of Friars Minor is an evangelical and missionary fraternity called to minister in the Eastern United States and abroad. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan tradition, we are disciples of Christ who seek to bring the Gospel into the everyday experience of all people through Franciscan witness, popular preaching, teaching and pastoral leadership. We foster Christian discipleship by collaborating with those whom we serve and by standing in solidarity with all people, especially the alienated, the immigrant, and the poor.”

Brief history:

Fr. Emiliano Gerbi da Nazzano, OFM, a friar of the missionary Province of the Immaculate Conception came to Boston in 1860, first serving at St Patrick Church in Lowell, and then as pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Charlestown. In 1866 he began reaching out to Boston’s small Italian immigrant community, first from Holy Cross Cathedral, and then, from 1868, as pastor of Gate of Heaven Church in South Boston. In 1874, he was succeeded in the ministry to the Italian community by Fr. Joachim Guerrini, OFM, who

began St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish in Boston's North End in 1876. Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province have continued their ministry to the Italian community since that time.

Holy Name Province was founded in 1901 to work principally with English-language Catholics. Based in New York, Holy Name Province came to the Archdiocese of Boston in the 1920s, when the friars purchased the former residence of Cardinal O'Connell on Rawson Road in Brookline to engage in the ministry of giving retreats to men. Fr. Joachim Cunniffe, OFM, opened St. Francis Retreat House in Brookline in August, 1928. After a slow beginning, by the late 1930s, St. Francis was serving some 1,500 retreatants annually, and was the site of a flourishing Secular Franciscan (Third Order) fraternity.

In 1946, Archbishop Richard Cushing, himself a member of the Brookline Third Order fraternity, invited the friars of Holy Name Province to open an oratory in the downtown area for the convenience of workers and shoppers. The province opened St. Anthony's Shrine at 103 Arch Street in February, 1947. The great popular response to the friars' ministry led to the construction of a much larger building across the street. The new St. Anthony Shrine on 100 Arch Street, under the direction of Fr. Harold Blake, OFM, opened in November, 1955. Since that time, the friars have provided sacramental services, especially Masses and confessions, as well as religious education, counseling, and a wide variety of social services.

Meanwhile, in 1971, St. Francis Friary in Brookline ceased operation as a retreat house and became the novitiate house for Holy Name Province. It served in this capacity until 1994, when the novitiate was transferred to another location and the property sold.

The Franciscans are delighted and proud to be able to continue their ministry with the people of Boston, and grateful for the constant support we have received from so many people over the years.

Sisters of Mercy 1864 Worcester *An ardent desire to be united to God and to serve the poor* **RSM**

Outside the Boston area the only institution founded during these years was at Worcester. Father Power, of St. Ann's Church, opened a **hospital in 1864**. The Sisters of Mercy were given charge of it. It was the first public hospital in that city to be erected for the benefit of the poor.

[Robert Howard Lord, John E. Sexton, Edward T. Harrington.
History of the Archdiocese of Boston in the Various Stages of Its Development 1604 to 1943.
(New York: Sheed and Ward, 1944), Volume II, 640]



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1866-1907

Bishop: John Joseph Williams (1866-1907)

Sisters of the Good Shepherd 1867 Boston One person is of more value than a world RGS

Name of the Community: Sisters of the Good Shepherd

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: May 2, 1867

Mission:

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd approach each person with the same care of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. We are guided by the principle that “one person is of more value than a world.”

Through contemplation and action our mission of reconciliation impels us to act with justice and peace. We take a fourth vow of Zeal, the heart of our Good Shepherd vocation. This leads us to search out the wounded, those left behind by the world. We minister in all areas of human services, with a particular focus on the needs of women and children, that we may be lifebearers to and for the poor of our world.

Ministries:

- Maria Droste, Quincy, MA—a counseling service for the poor
- The Gathering Place, Waltham, MA—a multi-service center offering counseling, educational assistance and massage therapy
- Parish ministry, Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Boston
- Hospital chaplaincy
- Social Work
- Advocacy for immigration reform
- Raising consciousness regarding human trafficking by strengthening prevention efforts and increasing support for survivors
- Conducting program for women with AIDS and their children
- Prayer ministry of retired Contemplative and Apostolic Sisters

Significant Dates:

- 1870: Foundation of the Good Shepherd Ministry to teenage girls and women in need, on Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA, under the direction of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd with the prayerful support of the Contemplative Sisters of the Good Shepherd

- May 2, 1940 Canonization of Foundress, Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier
- October 15, 1964 established Madonna Hall for Girls, Marlborough, MA, a residential treatment center staffed by religious and lay that provided education, and clinical services in a therapeutic environment involving the re-education of the whole child.

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Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate	1868	Lowell	Preach the Gospel to the poor	OMI
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Name of Community: Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Date of Foundation in Boston: 1868, Lowell

Mission and Ministry:

In the wake of the French Revolution, a young nobleman named Charles Eugene deMazenod heard the call of God and gave his life to the Church as a priest. In 1816 his heart was moved by the plight of the poor in France and he gathered around him a few priests who were willing to "preach the Gospel to the poor". This call became the motto of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate who were officially approved as a religious community by Pope Leo XII on February 17, 1826. Today over 4000 members of the community, priests and brothers, serve on every continent. The canonization of St. Eugene deMazenod on Dec. 3, 1995 is a sign that the Oblate charism is alive and well in our time.

In 1999, the five provinces of Missionary Oblates in the United States joined to form the United States Province with headquarters in Washington, DC. Almost 400 men serve in a variety of ministries in the United States. Our men serve in parishes, retreat houses, as chaplains and itinerant preachers throughout the country. We also conduct and staff one of the main seminaries in the southwest part of the United States, The Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas.

The United States Province also supports two missions. The Oblates serve the poor in Tijuana, Mexico. We also support the Oblate presence in the southern African country of Zambia.

The inspiration of St. Eugene is still felt in the world today. The faces of the poor may change but the call to "preach the Gospel to the poor" remains the same.

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Sisters of Charity of Montreal (Grey Nuns)	1868	Lawrence	Make a difference	SGM
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Name of Community: The Sisters of Charity of Montreal, "Grey Nuns"

St. Marguerite d'Youville founded the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, also known as the Grey Nuns, in 1737. They came to the United States for the first time in 1855 to found a hospital and orphanage in Toledo, Ohio. Since that time, the presence of the Grey Nuns has been extended in response to invitations

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from priests, bishops and cardinals.

As the number of missions increased, it became necessary to relieve the general administration at the Motherhouse in Montreal by the formation of different houses into vicariates, now known as provinces. Thus, in 1897, the existing United States missions were grouped with several others. Today, only the houses in this country are part of the province known as St. Joseph Province since the 1930's.

At the first United States foundation in Toledo, Ohio, four volunteer Grey Nuns and a lay volunteer nursed the sick and cared for the orphans in a single institution called St. Vincent Asylum. In 1902, St. Anthony's Orphanage was built to house the children. It was transferred to the Sisters of St. Francis and still exists today as St. Anthony's Villa. A School of Nursing was established in 1986. The original establishment became St. Vincent Hospital. Today it serves the people of Northwest Ohio as St. Vincent Medical Center, a tertiary care provider, which will soon join the Mercy Health System in the interest of preserving and promoting Catholic healthcare in that region.

In 1867, the general administration in Montreal received another request for Sisters to care for children who were orphaned as a result of casualties in the Civil War. In **1868**, five Sisters arrived in Lawrence, Massachusetts for this mission. They established the Protectory of Mary Immaculate. Over the years, the care of orphans no longer required large institutions as foster care became more prevalent. The Sisters turned to providing a home for the elderly and caring for the sick elderly. Today, Mary Immaculate Health/Care Service comprises the MI Nursing/Restorative Center, a 250 bed skilled nursing facility with rehabilitative; long-term chronic care; short-term respite care; physical, occupational and speech therapy; the MI Residential Community, a three building, 304 unit apartment complex and supportive and assisted programs for the elderly and disabled and several other service corporations.

The Grey Nuns staffed the City Orphan Asylum in Salem from 1877 until 1914. In **1892** they opened St. Joseph's School to teach the orphans. Both institutions were burned to the ground in 1914 in a fire which destroyed the City of Salem.

To respond to the need for shelter for young female immigrants, the Grey Nuns established "The St. Helena Working Girls Home" in **1888** in Boston. They withdrew after fifty years of service and the diminution of this need.

Once again, the call to care for orphans came and Sisters were sent to St. Ann's in Worcester in 1891. They were to spend a total of 88 years in this city delivering excellent childcare services to thousands of children. The discontinuance of the group home care method brought about the closure of the mission in 1979.

A bishop's request to staff All Souls Hospital brought the Grey Nuns to Morristown, N.J. in 1892 where they remained until 1913.

In **1895**, Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts opened its doors to those suffering from incurable diseases. The Grey Nuns were happy to respond to the local pastor's request, as there were no resources for these people in the local area. Starting in a modest cottage, the Hospital multiplied its services. In 1970, the name was changed to Youville Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. A new facility was completed in 1989. The School of Practical Nursing was founded in 1927. Today, as Youville Lifecare, a three-fold continuum of care is being offered: Youville Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, a 166 bed, low-tech chronic and rehabilitation hospital and primary care center; Youville Healthcare Center, 140 bed subacute center and nursing home; The Youville House, a 95-unit assisted living facility.

In 1901, St. Joseph Orphanage was founded in Nashua, NH at the request of a local pastor. Seven years later, St. Joseph Hospital opened its doors to the people of Nashua and a School of Nursing was established that same year. The Orphanage closed in 1963 after 62 years of service, while the Hospital continues its ministry to the sick and the community as St. Joseph Healthcare. St. Joseph Hospital and Trauma Center is now a 218-bed acute care unit, including 14-bed inpatient rehabilitation center supported by multi-site outpatient rehab programs, and adult day health center, comprehensive information system and St. Joseph Family Medical Centers, a 25 member family practice located in four sites and a parish nurse program.

In 1907, the Grey Nuns also went to New Brunswick, N. J. to staff St. Peter's General Hospital. They remained there until 1977 when the hospital and School of Nursing were transferred to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark.

A significant event in the history of the Province was the opening of the American Novitiate in **1934**. It was located in the cottage that had served as the first Holy Ghost Hospital. On February 5, 1934, eleven young women became postulants under the direction of Sr. Anna Perron. As the number of American missions increased, it was necessary to provide additional space for the Provincial Administration, the Health Care Center for the sick and retired Sisters and the Novitiate. In 1952, the Sisters had an opportunity to purchase property in Lexington, Massachusetts. A house on the property was used as a ten-bed rest home for elderly women. Construction of the Provincial House was undertaken in 1953 and completed in 1956. Holy Child Kindergarten opened in 1953 and became Lexington Academy of the Holy Family which offered an excellent Catholic education to children in grades kindergarten through eight. It closed in 1969. In 1956, the Provincial Administration, the Health Care Center and the Novitiate were transferred to the new building.

In 1965, the Sisters of St. Francis terminated their stay at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, Massachusetts after many years of devoted service. His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, asked for Grey Nuns to work with the lay administration and assist in the nursing field at St. Elizabeth's. Thus, a new apostolic work was undertaken in the Archdiocese of Boston building upon a solid foundation of dedication to the sick of Boston and vicinity, until 1968 when laypersons took over the functions.

The call to foreign missions came in 1963 and four American Grey Nuns traveled by cargo ship to Kabba, Nigeria. A hospital, school and bush clinics were established in Kabba and a school in Egbe, Nigeria. Altogether ten Sisters served in Nigeria for about 14 years when the works were turned over to African Sisters.

Further missionary work was undertaken in rural ministry in Dyersburg, Tennessee from 1977 until 1985 when the ministry was left in other hands. An Indian Mission in North Dakota involved Grey Nuns from 1972 until 1979.

In Bogota, Colombia, the Foundation for the Adoption of Abandoned Children welcomed the Grey Nuns in 1978 in order to provide quality medical and nursing care as well as compassionate love and service. This agency has placed over 8,000 abandoned children in families throughout the world.

On January 30, 1992, in a simple and meaningful ceremony, the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe transferred the sponsorship of their healthcare facilities in Lewiston, Maine to the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, St. Joseph Province, as members of Covenant Health Systems. The Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe, a branch of the original Grey Nun foundation, were assured that the mission of Marguerite d'Youville would be carried on as had been done for over a century with great dedication. The Sisters of Charity Health System comprises Elder Care Services at St. Marguerite d'Youville Pavilion, a 280 bed, long-term care facility including 72 skilled nursing beds and a newly developed 28-bed dementia unit; Marcotte Congregate, a 128-unit complex for the elderly of which 110 are Section 8 approved; St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, 230 bed, acute care facility.

The Adult Day Health Center was established in the Provincial House in 1991; Thrift Shops have been opened in Nashua, N. H. and Somerville, MA. The Grey Nuns co-sponsor Marguerite's Place in Nashua, N. H., a transitional housing facility for women with children. Parish ministry in No. Stratford, NH was recently undertaken. The most recent undertaking is conversion of the Provincial House into an 89-unit assisted living facility, Youville Place, established in 1997. In 2004, the Sisters began staffing "Neighbors Who Care," in Waltham, MA.

Although there are fewer Grey Nuns, the Sisters hope to continue to respond to the unmet needs of our time in serving the poor to the extent of their resources. "In the spirit of our Original Commitment, we place ourselves at the service of our brothers and sisters with all our God-given gifts. We stand ever ready to undertake any work indicated by Providence as helpful to the poor and the promotion of justice. We identify as poor any person who, within a given social context, is neglected, in material poverty, suffers from physical, psychological, moral or spiritual impoverishment, one who is humiliated and deprived of recourse in the pursuit of his other rights."

(Article 27 of the *Constitutions of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal*, "Grey Nuns. ")

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Congregation of Notre Dame 1869 . . . that the great commandment of the love of God and neighbor be written in every heart CND

Name of Community: Congregation de Notre Dame

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1869

Mission Statement:

To follow Jesus in a preferential option for the poor and to live our mission of liberating education in fidelity to the prophetic charism of Marguerite Bourgeoys in today's world, we, commit ourselves to live closer to the reality of the impoverished, the excluded and the oppressed. In solidarity with them, we commit ourselves to protect our planet and to participate actively in the transformation of Church and society for a more just world.

Ministries:

Liberating education - schools, adult education, campus ministry, diocesan offices, counseling, parish ministry

Significant Dates:

1866 Father Scully requested sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame "to found an academy for young women in the parish." The duties of the sisters would be to "oversee 'Sunday School', teach catechism on Sunday, prepare the pupils for first Communion, and direct the congregations of young women of the parish. It is necessary also that they assist with their pupils at the parish Mass each Sunday and finally that this mission give a good education, which one would expect at an academy of this type."

1869 Founding of the school, which opened with four classes and 160 pupils in the first year.

1875 After six years the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame reluctantly withdrew from the school.

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Little Sisters of the Poor 1870 Roxbury Be kind, especially with the infirm. I.s.p. Love them well.

Name of Community: Little Sisters of the Poor

Date of foundation in Archdiocese of Boston: April 1870

Mission Statement:

As Little Sisters of the Poor, we care for the elderly poor
in the spirit of humble service which we have received from Jeanne Jugan.

We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself
and serve them with love and respect until death.

Ministries: Care of the elderly poor

Significant dates:

October 25, 1792 Birth and Baptism of Jeanne Jugan

Winter, 1839 Congregation founded in St. Servan, France

August 29, 1879 Death of Jeanne Jugan

October 3, 1982 Beatification of foundress, Jeanne Jugan (Sr. Mary of the Cross) by Pope John Paul II

History:

The Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor began on a winter day in 1839 when Jeanne Jugan opened her heart and her home to Jesus Christ in the person of an elderly, poor, blind woman, Anne Chauvin. From this simple response of love, her work has become a mission which reaches the elderly poor in thirty-two countries.

On **September 13, 1868**, the Little Sisters arrived on the American shores. In **1870** they opened their first home in Massachusetts (**Roxbury**, MA) - one of the original 13 homes built in America. To

accommodate the great number of elderly reaching out to the sisters, a second home opened on Bunker Hill St. in Charlestown. This building proved too small to accommodate all the elderly arriving at the door. Not without difficulty, property was found in Somerville and purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Foley. The Somerville home officially opened its door to the Little Sisters on December 9th and by December 26, 1889 the elderly from the Charlestown Home had taken up residence in their new Home.

In 1972 after more than 102 years of caring for the elderly in Roxbury the home had to be closed because it no longer met all the fire code regulations. Also, after 89 years and thousands of elderly who spent their final years in Somerville, the old Holy Rosary Home could no longer be maintained for the same reason. Thanks to the generosity of the people of Massachusetts, on August 18, 1976 ground was broken for construction of a new, larger, updated Home. Little Sisters and Residents were welcomed into the new Jeanne Jugan Residence on **July 1, 1978**.

Jeanne Jugan Residence today is a home for our Seniors - not a house, a facility, nor an institution, but a home. Even more than that, we are family! Together, we work, pray, have good times, bring healing and happiness to the sick and suffering and accompany our Residents to the end of their journey. We are here for our elderly, but, more than that, they are here for all of us, imparting their wisdom, experience and the priceless values that their enduring years offer to us.

Based on the Little Sisters founding purpose and charism of humble service, we strive to care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service which we have received from Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

Today there are 2,827 Little Sisters of the Poor welcoming 13,680 elderly residents in 206 homes in 32 countries. With our Mother Foundress we say: "Blessed be God, Thank you my God!"

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Redemptorists (Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer)

1871

Roxbury

With Him there is plentiful redemption.

CSsR

Name of Community: The Redemptorists

Date of Founding in the diocese of Boston: January 14, 1871 First Redemptorists move into Brinley House on Mission Hill

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Ministries: Mission preaching; care of parishes; varied chaplaincies

Significant Dates:

- 1869 -Redemptorists (CSsR) purchased the property on Mission Hill.
- 1870 -CSsR assumed charge of Mission Church in Boston. It is the best-known shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) in the US.
- 1871 -Rectory was blessed under the name and patronage of OLPH.
- 1874 - The cornerstone of the present Mission Church was laid by Archbishop Williams.
- 1878 -On April 7th the new church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was dedicated by Archbishop John Williams.
- 1883 -Archbishop Williams raised Mission Church to the rank of a Parish Church.
- 1883 -Grace Hanley, a parishioner, was miraculously cured of a broken spine after prayers to OLPH. A memorial to that event is still in place by the Shrine Altar.
- 1888 -The cornerstone of Mission School was laid.
- 1888 - The Sister's Convent next to Mission School was built.
- 1889 - The new school at Mission was dedicated by Archbishop John Williams.
- 1889 -The School Sisters of Notre Dame arrived at Mission Church by boat from Baltimore.
- 1890 - The Carmelites arrived in Boston and since then the CSsR have offered daily Mass for them.
- 1895 - The first restoration of Mission Church began.
- 1897 - The Dedication of the Hutchings Organ.
- 1900 -St. Alphonsus hall was blessed by Archbishop John Williams.
- 1902 -"Pilate's Daughter," a famous passion play, was composed by Rev. Francis Kenzel, CSsR. It was first staged by the parishioners of Mission Church. It ended in the early 1960's.
- 1903 - Archbishop Williams blessed the new church rectory. 1910 - The twin towers were added to the Church.
- 1917 - The Purgatorian Altar (opposite the Shrine) was constructed as a Memorial for those who died during World War I.
- 1926 -The Xaverian Brothers arrived to prepare for Mission High School.
- 1926 -Mission High School was opened in early November. 1941-1945 - Over 20,000 attended Novena Devotions to OLPH each Wednesday during World War II.
- 1954 -Pope Pius XII raised Mission Church to a Minor Basilica. It is one of only 43 in the US.
- 1968 - Xaverian Brothers withdrew from Mission High School.
- 1975 -Little Brothers of St. Francis move to Mission Hill. 1979 -Restoration of the Church.
- 1992 -Mission High School closed.
- 1998 -Fr. Joseph Manton died after 56 years of ministry in Boston. He is the most notable preacher of devotion to OLPH at Mission.
- 2000 -Newest restoration of the Church.
- 2002 -In April, the completion of St. Gerard's Parish Center (formerly the lower church of St. Gerard).
- 2002 -In June, the Dedication and Blessing of the Parish Center by Cardinal Bernard Law.
- 2003 -April 5th: the 125th Anniversary of the Dedication and First Mass at Mission Church by Bishop Richard Lennon. 2004 - In November, the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the designation as a Basilica.

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Franciscan Friars (Immaculate Conception Province)	1873	Boston (North End)	Peace and all good be with you.	OFM
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Name of Community: Franciscan Friars Immaculate Conception Province
Pax et bonum!

Mission and Ministry:

Since 1855, the Franciscan friars of the Province of the Immaculate Conception have striven to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, following the example of Our Seraphic Father St. Francis of Assisi, ministering to God's people throughout the Eastern part of the United States; Toronto, Canada; and in Central America. Our 200 plus friars serve in a variety of ministries from parish life to urban ministry, retreat work to missionary work and any other place we feel God calling us.

Significant Dates:

- 1873 St. Leonard Parish in the North End
- 1905 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in East Boston
- 1917 St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Cambridge
- 1921 Franciscan Community in the North End to organize the Italian Community in Marlboro.)
- 1930 St. Francis in Andover (October 26, 1930 is the date of the formal opening of the Seraphic Seminary in Andover.
- 1945 Christopher Columbus High School in the North End
- 1978 The Listening Place in Lynn
- 1999 Sacred Heart Parish in Waltham

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Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston	1873	Jamaica Plain	Impelled by the active inclusive love of God	CSJ
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NAME OF COMMUNITY: Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
DATE OF FOUNDATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON: October 2, 1873
MISSION STATEMENT:

We are ordinary women from all walks of life. Our special focus, our mission, is to work for unity and reconciliation where there is brokenness, to help people become whole and holy, individually and together. In 2005 we articulated this mission in the following statement:
Enflamed with the compassion of God, we Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, women of the Church, rooted in the Gospel together with our Associates are impelled by the active, inclusive love of God to: deepen our relationship with God and the dear neighbor without distinction; foster prophetic communion; and journey into the future with Sisters and Associates throughout the world and with all God's creation.

MINISTRIES:

Since our arrival in Boston in 1873 we have staffed over 130 educational institutions, worked in over 30 health care ministries, and participated in over 85 service ministries within the Archdiocese of Boston. You will meet Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston in shelters, food pantries, parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, retreat, chaplaincy, and campus ministry centers, refugee services, literacy programs, programs for

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at-risk youth, and more. We are a community of vowed apostolic women with a contemplative stance toward life. A few of the many ministries for which we have been or continue to be responsible include:

Mount St. Joseph Academy – Brighton, MA – founded 1885
Daly Industrial School – Dorchester, MA – 1898-1956
Boston School for the Deaf – Jamaica Plain/Randolph – 1899–1994
Archbishop Williams Memorial – Framingham, MA – 1912-1962
St. Clement School for Boys/Military Academy – Canton, MA – 1922-1950
St. Joseph Manor – Dorchester, MA – 1925-1987
Bethany Health Care Center - Framingham, MA – founded 1916
Regis College – Weston, MA – founded 1927
Catherine Moore House – North End, Boston, MA – 1930-1958
Fontbonne Academy – Milton, MA – founded 1954
Aquinas College – Milton, MA/Newton, MA – 1956-2000
St. James Kindergarten – Haverhill, MA – 1961-1972
Merrimac Montessori – Haverhill, MA – founded 1966
Walnut Park Montessori – Newton, MA – founded 1966
Jackson School – Newton, MA – founded 1967
Waushakum Montessori – Framingham, MA – 1968-1978
Bethany Hill School for Multi-Impaired Deaf/Aphasic – Framingham, MA – 1972-1985
St. Joseph’s Retreat Center – Cohasset, MA – founded as retreat center 1973
The Literacy Connection – Brighton, MA – founded 1987
Bethany Hill School Supportive Housing - Framingham, MA – founded 1994
Aquinas Educational Institute – South Boston, MA – 2000-2006
Casserly House – Roslindale, MA – founded 2000

SIGNIFICANT DATES:

1650 The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston share a common origin with over 13,000 Sisters of St. Joseph throughout the world who trace their roots to LePuy, France in 1650. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were among the first Catholic communities to be founded by ordinary women. They were not cloistered and worked to support themselves especially by making lace, a common trade in that region of France. The community grew and flourished among the people of France.

Congregation is suppressed. Caught in the political turmoil of the French Revolution, the congregation was disbanded. Some of the Sisters were martyred at the guillotine and others returned to their homes or went into hiding.

1807 After the revolution ended, a heroic woman, Jeanne Fontbonne, who narrowly escaped the guillotine herself, refounds the Sisters of St. Joseph first in St. Etienne, France and soon after (1814) in Lyon, France.

1836 Mother St. John Fontbonne sends three sisters to Carondelet, Missouri. From there, they spread across the United States beginning new foundations.

1873 Sisters of St. Joseph arrive in Boston. Sister Mary Regis Casserly and three other sisters traveled from Brooklyn, NY to Boston in response to the request of Fr. Magennis of Jamaica Plain. He sought out the sisters because of their reputation as good teachers. Boston of the late nineteenth century was not unlike the seventeenth century France of our roots.

It was a time of rapid growth for the Catholic immigrant population. Churches were being built at an unprecedented rate, and church leaders were beginning to look toward the development of schools and charitable institutions. At the same time, the daily life of the working classes was characterized by massive unemployment, physical illness and poverty, and the painful struggles of an immigrant population. Immediately the Sisters of Saint Joseph found their Boston ministry expanding in response to the needs of the times.

Oftentimes the sisters responded in hidden and unnoticed ways to the needs of the “dear neighbor” by alleviating language and ethnic differences; addressing the problems of homelessness; working with the ill and dying in the 1918 influenza epidemic; feeding the hungry at kitchen doors during the depression

of the 1920's and 30's; nurturing the minds and souls of young children, teenagers, and college women; teaching the deaf; instructing the blind, and ministering to the needy and disenfranchised.

1950 *Tercentenary Year of Foundation:* In response to a request from a priest serving in New Mexico who was originally from Lynn, MA, four Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston are missioned to New Mexico to teach in parish schools. Since that time sisters have ministered in Santa Rosa, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Clovis, and Springer, New Mexico.

1965 In response to a request from Cardinal Cushing and the Missionary Society of St. James, San Ricardo Parish in Lima, Peru, became the home to a group of Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston in 1965. A sister who ministered there for 26 years remarks, "We went to Peru to evangelize; however, we were privileged to have the glorious experience of being evangelized by so many Peruvians who took us into their homes and hearts and made real for us, *'Mi casa es su casa.'* "

1966 The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph begins. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston are part of this dynamic union of all the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the United States who claim a common origin in the foundation at LePuy, France in 1650. Today there are about 6,500 vowed members as well as 2,500 Associates There are over 13,000 Sisters of Saint Joseph in over 50 countries.

1985 Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston Associate Program begins. The Associates are women and men called to share their faith journeys with one another and with the Sisters of St. Joseph. They are drawn to live the spirit and spirituality of the Congregation and desire to share in its response to the changing needs of the Church and society.

1989 During the 1960's, 70's and 80's the Sisters of St. Joseph were called by the Church to embrace the profound changes that emerged from Vatican II, both in the Church in the modern world and in the renewal of religious life. In 1989 the Archbishop of Boston approves the new Constitution of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. In responding to the Church's mandate to reclaim their foundational purpose and spirituality, the Sisters of St. Joseph discovered that they had always been intuitively 'at home' with the founding sisters' dream to work to achieve unity and reconciliation wherever people are separated from each other. They confronted each new issue as it surfaced and embraced vital issues of justice and peace.

1998 Sisters of St. Joseph celebrate 125 years in the Archdiocese of Boston. To mark this anniversary plans were begun for a new corporate ministry in the city that would reach out to the neighbor in a manner similar to our sisters who came to Jamaica Plain in 1873 as well as our first sisters in seventeenth century France. In January, 2000 a house was purchased on Stellman Road in Roslindale, a multi-cultural neighborhood with many new immigrants. Stellman Road is in close proximity to the Jamaica Plain area where our first sisters ministered. The house was named Casserly House for our Boston Foundress, Mother Regis Casserly. The mission of Casserly House is to be a presence in the neighborhood, listen to needs, and respond where possible.

2000 The Corporation for Sponsored Ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is established to ensure that its mission and charism perdure in the Church and world. This model entrusts governance of nine ministries sponsored by the congregation to individual boards of trustees with oversight by the Corporation for the Sponsored Ministries. Through this oversight, the Congregation continues to have specific and significant influence over the mission and quality of ministry of each of the sponsored ministries.

2005 During the Chapter year of 2005-2006 the sisters articulated their vision with renewed hope for the future [See Mission Statement at beginning of history].

2008 and beyond: Today, those who are attracted to this vision still live among the people and offer their lives in love and service. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston carry on the heritage of their foundresses, six French women who joined a Jesuit priest in 1650 to begin a community without cloister or habit and devoted to the needs of their neighbors. Today they continue to a profound desire for union with God and the "dear neighbor".

The tradition of loving service that began in LePuy, France, during the mid-seventeenth century and continued in Boston in 1873 sustains them as they live into the twenty-first century. Instinctively, they identify with the cries of a world stunned by violence to reopen communication in divided

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communities, to search for shared values, and to empower individuals to explore common ground for the healing of humankind.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are women receptive to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit of Love. Together with their Associates they are called to live in right relationship with all creation. They are a community of women whose mission is to realize the prayer of Christ that all may be one. In community and prayerful contemplation they listen to this Spirit and move always toward profound love of God and love of neighbor.

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Brothers of Charity 1874 Roxbury God is Love FC

Name of Community: Brothers of Charity

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: January 1874

Mission:

As Religious Brothers and co-workers of the Brothers of Charity, we want to approach our fellow humans with a believing and loving basic attitude. We find our inspiration in the Gospel values and act in imitation of Jesus, the Saviour. Just as with Vincent de Paul, our patron saint, and Servant of God Peter Joseph Triest, our founder, love is the source of commitment. Therefore, we form authentic living and working communities in which solidarity, serviceability, dynamism and creativity are the supports, and in which quality of life increases due to inspired guidance. In that way, we want to set beacons of hope in society and to witness to God's love.

We care for our fellow humans who need accompaniment in their human development. In education, in caring for people with disabilities and in mental healthcare, we strive for optimal training, education and accompaniment. The disadvantaged and less privileged, people with endangered developmental possibilities or limited functional possibilities, and marginalized people all deserve our special attention. We are open to new needs as well. As a community, we try to find solutions to these problems. We also care for one another for our life to be of high quality, meaningful, and inspirational to many others.

Our commitment is based on unconditional respect for everyone. It is expressed in our caring and professional, compassionate service. We approach our neighbor, with whom we are on the way, caring and guiding, always in a holistic way, and making room for everyone's input. All this is done in a framework of a humane organization and quality surroundings with the focus on easy accessibility. In our striving for greater human dignity for everyone, we take calculated risks and develop a clear stand on social relationships. In sharing our visions and experiences with others, we take the opportunity of enhancing the culture of love on a global scale.

In this way, we want to improve the quality of life and contribute to a more human society in which there is room for the poor and the weak. By this unconditional commitment, we hope that all whom we meet on our way see a reflection of God in us and may experience the joy of the Resurrection in their life.

Deus Caritas Est.

Ministries:

House of the Angel Guardian (care of orphans and wayward boys)

Angel Guardian Printing Press

Significant Dates:

1874- Brothers of Charity arrive to assume operation of House of the Angel Guardian, Vernon Street, Roxbury.

- 1889- Construction of an Industrial School on Vernon Street
1915- House of the Angel Guardian relocates from Vernon Street to Perkins Street and S. Huntingdon Ave, Jamaica Plain. With this move they also begin the "Angel Guardian Press" as part of the orphanage. This press will print school texts for the Parochial school system of the Archdiocese for many years to come.
1928- A second House of the Angel Guardian is opened in West Newbury, MA to accommodate the younger age boys. The older boys remain in Boston.
1942- St. Vincent Novitiate is opened in Billerica, Mass.
1947- The site in Jamaica Plain is closed and sold to the Archdiocese for a junior seminary. Both divisions of the House of the Angel Guardian are now located in West Newbury.
1950- Brothers open St. Joseph Novitiate in Canton, MA, replacing St. Vincent Novitiate.
1958- St. Joseph Novitiate in Canton is closed and relocated to Philadelphia.
1965- The Brothers of Charity officially close the House of the Angel Guardian and withdraw from the West Newbury property. Ownership is transferred to the Archdiocese of Boston.
2007- Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Brothers of Charity.

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Religious of the Sacred Heart 1880 Boston (South End) RSCJ

Name of Community: Religious of the Sacred Heart

Date of Foundation in Boston: March 1, 1880

Mission Statement:

The Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an international community of women in the Catholic church, founded in 1800 by Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat in France, and now in forty-four countries. Sharing her vision and mission, we are convinced of the centrality of prayer and contemplation in our lives. We, the Religious of the Sacred Heart, are committed to discovering and making God's love visible in the heart of the world through the service of education. Conscious that what we do, we do together, and remembering a tradition marked by a love for young people and missionary spirit, the Religious of the Sacred Heart carry out this service of education:

- especially in the work of teaching and formation.
- in other activities for human development and the promotion of justice
- in pastoral work and guidance in the faith.

Adapted from the *Constitutions of the Society of the Sacred Heart*, 1982

Ministries:

Currently in 2007 ministries in the Archdiocese of Boston include:

- ❖ Teaching and formation at Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart (www.newtoncountryday.org); Boston College; University of Massachusetts, Boston; Weston Jesuit School of Theology; St. Francis House; Mount Ida College; Berlet Language Centers; Drumlin Farm; Harvard Medical School; and as consultant to several schools of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools (www.sofie.org)
- ❖ Psychologists, spiritual directors and pastoral ministers; vocation ministry for the Society of the Sacred Heart and for individuals seeking assistance in discernment of life choices.

Significant Dates:

- 1880, March 1: Foundation in the South End of Boston
1885, October 12: Incorporation as the Boston Academy of the Sacred Heart

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- 1907, June: Move to 264 and 266 Commonwealth Avenue in the Back Bay
1908, May 24: Beatification of founder of the Society of the Sacred Heart, Madeleine Sophie Barat
1925, May 25: Canonization of Madeleine Sophie Barat
1926: Academy moved to Newton and became Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart with day students and boarders
1940: Beatification of Rose Philippine Duchesne who brought the Religious of the Sacred Heart to the United States in 1818
1988: Canonization of Philippine Duchesne
1945: Foundation of Newton College of the Sacred Heart:
1946, March: Demonstration of liturgical music for priests and sisters of the archdiocese by faculty of Pius X School of Liturgical Music, Manhattanville College
1946, September: Registration of first students of the college ~ 1948, August: Newton School of Liturgical Music established at Newton College for organists, choir directors, and teachers of singing in parochial schools.
1950, June: First Graduation, Newton College
1951: First diploma of the Newton School of Liturgical Music
1954, December 3: Newton College accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
1969: Religious began to diversify ministries and minister outside of the school/college context.
1969: Novitiate for U.S. and Canada moved from Albany, New York, to Newton, Massachusetts. 1992: Novitiate moved from Newton to Cambridge. 2000: Novitiate moved to Chicago, Illinois.
1970: Some Religious moved to the South End of Boston to live and work among Puerto Rican families and established Casa del Sol.
1974: Network of Sacred Heart Schools - USA - established with common goals and criteria and trustee training. (www.sofie.org) ~ 1975: Consolidation of Newton College with Boston College ~ 1993: Associates of the Religious of the Sacred Heart began in Boston (www.rsciassociates-usa.org)
2000: Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Society of the Sacred Heart

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Sisters of Charity of Ottawa (Grey Nuns of the Cross)	1880 Lowell	The minute we lose our love of the poor, we lose our unique spirit	SCO
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Name of Community: Sisters of Charity of Ottawa (Grey Nuns of the Cross)

Provincialate: 559 Fletcher St., Lowell, MA 01854-3434

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1880, Immaculate Conception School, Lowell

Mission Statement:

We, Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, a Congregation of consecrated women, daughters of Elisabeth Bruyère, stemmed from Saint Marguerite d'Youville, bear witness to the love of compassion of the Father
. through our service of the poor and the teaching of truth
. according to the needs of our milieu and of the times

Guided by the Holy Spirit, trusting in Providence and following Jesus and Mary, we remain available to answer the calls of the Church.

Ministries:

Elementary and Secondary Education, Health Care, Parish Pastoral Ministry; Student Housing

Significant Dates:

Administration and staffing of Ste. Jeanne d' Arc School since 1910; founded St. Joseph Hospital in Lowell in 1930; D'Youville Senior Care in Lowell in 1960; Sponsor of Saints Medical Center (1992) after merger of St. Joseph Hospital with St. John's Hospital in Lowell; Bachand Hall Residence for young women in partnership with DSS in 2005; Bruyère Gardens in Lowell - affordable independent senior housing - in 2006.

The long and beautiful history of the **Grey Nuns of the Cross** in Lowell, Massachusetts, began in **1880**, when Mother Josephine Phelan, responding to a request from Rev. James McGrath, O.M.I., sent two French-speaking and four English-speaking nuns to the Immaculate Conception Parish to staff its parochial school.

In **1883**, at the request of Fr. Garin, O.M.I., pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Sisters came to Lowell to meet the needs of the many Canadian families that arrived in his parish. St. Joseph's Convent and School were opened that year and served there until 1980. The first superior was Sr. Plante. Sister St. Leontine and Sister St. Lucien taught first and second grade boys in two small classrooms in a brick structure, known as "la petite école" in the shadow of St. Jean Baptiste Church.

Ste. Jeanne d' Arc School opened in **1910**, as an extension of St. Joseph School before Ste. Jeanne d' Arc Parish was formally established. In 1929, at the request of the Oblate Fathers in Lowell, the sisters who had been teaching for many years at Ste. Jeanne d' Arc School to which they traveled every day from St. Joseph's convent, finally moved into their own convent on upper Moody Street (now University Avenue). This school is still a vibrant education community to this day.

The Grey Nuns of the Cross at St. Joseph Convent also taught at Notre Dame de Lourdes School in the Highland section of Lowell. From 1909 until 1913, when they were given their own convent, the Sisters had to travel back and forth to St. Joseph's Convent. Notre Dame de Lourdes Convent and school in Lowell opened in 1913 and remained open until 1977.

In **1928** at the request of the late Rev. Louis G. Bachand, then pastor of St. Jean Baptiste Parish, the Grey Nuns of the Cross opened St. Joseph High School for Girls on the upper floor of the elementary school. Need for larger quarters made it imperative to move to a private two-story home on Pawtucket Street. It became the quarters for the high school, which later moved to the former residence of the Marist Brothers, corner of Moody and Pawtucket Streets. In 1990, St. Joseph High School merged with St. Louis Academy and Keith Catholic to henceforth be known as Lowell Catholic High School.

In **1930**, the Grey Nuns of the Cross added another great undertaking to the many they already had assumed in the realm of education in Lowell. This time in answer to another request from Father Bachand, the congregation agreed to take over the administration of Lowell's old and antiquated Corporation Hospital.

In **1944** the community purchased the Allen-Logan mansion on Rolfe Street, Lowell, and in August, 1945 the Franco-American postulancy program got underway with the admission of six postulants. The property was from then on known as Mount St. Joseph.

In **1950**, the general organization of the Congregation grouped its seven houses in the United States into one province giving it the name of St. Joseph. The first provincial house was at 57 Rolfe Street where a few elderly Sisters, postulants and novices lived until 1957, when an expansion program in favor of the Lowell Teachers College forced the Sisters to move to Fairmount Street. Due to lack of space because of the increasing number of postulants, it had to be moved once again. This time they moved the Novitiate to Framingham.

When Sister St. Alphonse Rodriguez, administrator of St. Joseph Hospital from the beginning, returned to Ottawa in 1956, Sister St. Celestine, succeeded her as administrator of the hospital and continued the modernization program,

A Lowell graduate of the hospital's school of nursing, namely, Sister Yvette Thibaudeau assumed the responsibilities of its administration in 1964. She remained at the helm of its activities and undertakings until 1989. In 1992, the two Catholic Hospitals in Lowell, St. John's and St. Joseph's, merged under the new name of Saints Memorial Medical Center.

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In 1959 Mother Saint-André-Corsini gave Lowell one of its most sorely needed establishments, namely a home for its aging and elderly population. Fulfillment of this response to a pressing need was achieved in May, **1960**, when Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, blessed d'Youville Manor on Varnum Avenue. This ultra modern facility in the realm of health care for the elderly has been a tremendous blessing for the population of Lowell and its surrounding area.

In 1964, three wings were added to the manor complex. One became the Provincial House, the larger part of which is St. Joseph's Residence for retired Sisters who have their own private chapel and all the special accommodations required for their needs.

In 1965, expansion at St. Joseph's Hospital made it imperative for the Sisters there to give up their convent quarters. The Hospital bought the old stone structure formerly known as the Ayer home for orphans, directly across the street from the hospital.

In **1966**, the sisters entered their new home, most appropriately named, "Bachand Hall", in tribute to the late Father Louis G. Bachand, O.M.I., founder and first president of the Corporation of St. Joseph Hospital.

Today Bachand Hall is home to a few sisters, but it has entered into a partnership with the Department of Social Services to receive young women who have aged out of foster care, but still need a supportive environment. These young women must be in school or in a job-training program.

Sister Cecile Paradis, Provincial, (1982-1988) opened Emmaus House on upper Fletcher Street where working women and students shared living space with the sisters. Emmaus House was converted into the Provincial House in **2001**.

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Brothers of St. Francis Xavier (Xaverian Brothers)	1881	Lowell	In harmony small things grow.	CFX
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Name of Community: Congregation of the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier (Xaverian Brothers)

Foundation: June 15, 1839 in Bruges, Belgium by Theodore James Ryken (Brother Francis Xavier Ryken)

Mission Statement:

The Congregation of the Brothers of Saint Francis Xavier, known as Xaverian Brothers, is a pontifical congregation of lay religious founded by Theodore James Ryken. The mission of the congregation is to serve the Church in its work of evangelization, particularly through the ministry of education. (Constitutions of the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier, approved December 3, 1989)

In 1997, at the 24th General Chapter, the Congregation issued the following call:

“With lives rooted in the Gospel, the example of St. Francis Xavier, and the vision of Theodore James Ryken, we are called personally and congregationally to a contemplative stance in the world and to mission among the poor and marginalized.”

First Mission to America: August 1854 to Louisville, Kentucky

Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: **1881** – St. Patrick Elementary School, Lowell

Missions in the Archdiocese of Boston:

St. Patrick’s School, Lowell	1881-1947
St. Mary’s School, Lawrence	1889-1947
Assumption School, East Boston	1891-1913
Fitton School, East Boston	1893-1923
St. Joseph School, Somerville	1893-1959
St. John’s Preparatory School	1907
Working Boy’s Home, Newton Highlands	1908-1960
St. James School, Salem	1912-1922
St. Joseph Juniorate, Peabody	1923-1956
Keith Academy, Lowell	1926-1970

Mission Church High School, Roxbury 1926-1965
 Malden Catholic High School, Malden 1932
 (Immaculate Conception Boys High School)
 Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood 1963

Brief History of the Xaverian Brothers in the Archdiocese of Boston

The Xaverian Brothers have served in the Archdiocese of Boston for over 127 years. The first mission was begun at St. Patrick Elementary School in Lowell in 1881, where the Brothers supplemented the work being done by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. This collaboration with the Sisters of Notre Dame would extend to many of the other parish elementary schools the Brothers would come to staff in the Archdiocese. The early years of the Brothers ministry in the Archdiocese were concentrated in elementary education with the two notable exceptions of the opening of a Normal School (teacher training school) in Danvers in 1907, which would evolve into the college preparatory school St. John's Prep, and the staffing of Working Boys Home, Newton Highlands in 1908. The emphasis on parish elementary school education was consistent with the way the Brothers were ministering in other dioceses around the US. The work the Brothers did at Working Boys Home was also consistent with the Xaverian Brothers commitment to social work through trade schools, orphanages, protective institutions and agricultural schools. The most notable of these was the Brothers staffing and administration of St. Mary's Industrial School, Baltimore, Maryland. The year 1926 was a significant year for the Xaverian Brothers in the Archdiocese with the opening of Mission Church High School (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) in Roxbury (Mission Hill) and Keith Academy, Lowell. This marked a similar transition in other dioceses where the Brothers transitioned from parish elementary schools into secondary school education, fulfilling the educational needs of a burgeoning immigrant Church. It would be further enhanced in the Archdiocese with the opening of Immaculate Conception Boys High School, Malden in 1932. Just as the Brothers collaborated with the SND's in parish grammar schools, their high school ministries were enriched by collaborative relationships with the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Mission Hill and Malden and with the Sisters of St. Joseph in Lowell. In the 1960's, with the support and encouragement of Richard Cardinal Cushing, the Brothers opened two regional high schools, Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood (in many ways a successor to the Brothers' work at Mission Church High School) and Malden Catholic HS, a direct successor to the parish Boys High School at the Immaculate. These two schools, along with St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, continue "to serve the Church in its work of evangelization, particularly through the ministry of education." Currently the Xaverian Brothers and the Archdiocese of Boston are seeking new ways of collaboration through the sponsorship of Lowell Catholic, a co-educational high school that calls Keith Academy one of its predecessors. When this relationship is formalized, it will see the influence of Xaverian education return to Lowell where it took root in the Archdiocese in 1881.

Xaverian Brothers have also played instrumental roles in other areas of the Archdiocese through service in the Archdiocesan school office (Brother Bartholomew Varden, served as Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese during some of the turbulent times of the 1970's when the city of Boston went through court-ordered desegregation and many elementary and secondary schools struggled to remain open.), as well as through their work as teachers and administrators at Archbishop Williams High School (Braintree), Bishop Fenwick HS (Peabody), St. Catherine's School (Norwood), St. Patrick's HS (Watertown), Newton Catholic (Newton), St. Paul School (Hingham), Holy Family Parish School (Rockland). In addition, the Xaverian Brothers have contributed to the spiritual and formational needs of the Archdiocese through the Brothers' work at Xavier Center (Danvers) where programs for spiritual formation are offered, as well as through the work that individual Brothers have done as teachers, spiritual directors and retreat directors in programs like the Cursillo Retreats, Deacon Formation Program, Spiritual Renewal Program and in facilities like the Dominican Retreat House (Dover) and Eastern Point Retreat House (Gloucester). Brothers have also served as pastoral workers and counselors in hospitals, prisons and hospice programs. In the archdiocese, today, the brothers serve in a variety of ministries wherever there is need for God's healing touch of care and compassion.

It is noteworthy that the Archdiocese has been a major source of vocations to the Xaverian Brothers. Among these are four Brothers from the Archdiocese of Boston who have served as general superior of the Congregation of the Xaverian Brothers. Brother Paul Scanlan, a native of Lawrence, was the first

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American and the 5th general superior of the congregation. The election took place at a general chapter in 1928 in Bruges, Belgium, the foundation site of the congregation. Brother Paul Scanlan served as general superior until 1931. In 1983, Brother John F. Kerr, a Boston native and a graduate of St Thomas Aquinas High School in Jamaica Plain, was elected as the 11th general superior at a general chapter in England. He served in that capacity until 1989. Brother James M. Boyle, a native of Peabody and a graduate of St. John Preparatory School in Danvers, was elected to a six-year term as general superior at a general chapter in Bruges, Belgium in 1989. The congregation that year celebrated the 150th anniversary of its foundation in Bruges, Belgium. Brother Lawrence Harvey, a native of Malden and a graduate of Malden Catholic High School, was elected to a six-year term as general superior in July 2007 at the general chapter in Bruges, Belgium. Brother Lawrence Harvey is now serving as the 15th general superior of the congregation.

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School Sisters of Notre Dame 1881 Malden We are called and we are sent SSND

Name of Community: School Sisters of Notre Dame

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

School Sisters of Notre Dame came to Boston in 1881 to teach at the Immaculate Conception School in Malden; then Mission School in Roxbury, 1889; St. John Canton, 1883; St. Peter, Cambridge, 1901. High schools staffed by SSNDs in each of these parishes opened later: Girls Catholic, Malden in 1908, Mission High in 1927, and St. Peter High School in 1959.

The SSND foundress, Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger had come with sisters to the United States in 1847 at the request of the Redemptorist Fathers, who asked the sisters to educate German children especially. But very soon after opening their first schools in Baltimore, the sisters were accepting children of every nationality and race. Within their first sixty years they were teaching children in over 265 schools in dozens of dioceses across the country.

School Sisters of Notre Dame continue to minister today in the Archdiocese of Boston at Mission Church Parish and Grammar School; St. Peter Parish, Cambridge; Ursuline Academy, Dedham; Pope John XXIII High School, Everett; St. Agatha Parish, Milton.

Mission Statement:

1. To each of us at this moment of salvation history, the words of Christ ring clear: "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the World...May they be one in us...so that the world may believe it was you who sent me" (John 17: 18,21). We are called and we are sent.
2. From the moment of our baptism we are open in a new way to the initiative of God in our lives. We are incorporated into the life of Christ and into the community of the church which is by its very nature missionary. Thus, with all who have been baptized, we share in Christ's mission to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom.
3. In the power of Christ's spirit, we respond anew to God's continuing call, accepting his love as he consecrates us as apostolic women religious. We commit ourselves to live out the gift of baptism within our congregation, an ecclesial community grace with the charism of Mother Theresa.

4. Our mission is to proclaim the good news as School Sisters of Notre Dame, directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. As he was sent to show the Father’s love to the World, we are sent to make Christ visible by our very being, by sharing our love, faith, and hope.
5. In carrying out Christ’s mission to bring all to oneness with the Father, we experience and accept the paschal mystery in our lives. We recall with confidence the words of Mother Theresa: “All the works of God proceed slowly and in pain; but then, their roots are the sturdier and the flowing the lovelier”
[from *You Are Sent*, School Sisters of Notre Dame Constitution (No. 2277)]

Ministries

Significant Dates:

- 1881 – St. Mary’s Grade and High School
- 1889 – OLPH Roxbury – Grade
- 1901 – St. Peter’s Elementary and High School
- 1927 – Mission High School

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Marist Fathers and Brothers (Society of Mary)	1882	Lawrence	A Marist way to approach the Gospel	SM
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Name of Community: Marist Fathers and Brothers – the Society of Mary (SM)

Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1882 – St. Anne’s Parish, Lawrence,

Mission Statement:

RESPONDING to the call of God to share in the Church's mission of evangelization and service,
BELIEVING that we have been called by a "gracious choice" into the family of Mary,
COMMITTING ourselves, through our vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, to live according to Gospel values,
TRUSTING in God's grace and Mary's support to be "instruments of mercy,"
STRIVING to be faithful to our original tradition of ministry among the poor, the neglected, the unchurched as envisioned by Jean Claude Colin,
NOURISHED in our relationship with God and each other as Jesus, Mary and Joseph were at Nazareth,
INSPIRED by the model of Mary's supportive and sustaining presence in the Church at Pentecost
DETERMINED to minister in the present and future Church as "hidden and unknown" sons of Mary,
SUPPORTIVE AND LOYAL to the Pope in the spirit of the early Marists, .
CHALLENGED by the call of the General Administration to collaborate in "refounding" the Society of Mary in our time,
WE MARISTS of the Boston Province of the Society of Mary commit ourselves
 -to develop new ministries of outreach to the poor, the neglected and the unchurched, especially in the education of youth, the care of the aged and the sick, the ministry of reconciliation, the integration of new immigrants, the works of peace and justice, and the welcoming back of those who feel alienated from the Church,
 -to help lay people discover, accept and exercise their Baptism-rooted ministries in the Church,
 -to cooperate with bishops, diocesan priests, other religious orders, religious and civic groups in ministering to the needs of God's people,
 -to increase and improve our collaboration in ministry with other provinces of the Society and other members of the Marist Family.

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- to make personnel and resources available to the Society's missionary work outside our province.
- to enhance the quality of life in our local and provincial communities by our ministry of loving concern for each other.
- to provide the best available spiritual, intellectual, psychological and educational resources for the continuing development of our men,
- to be true to our missionary roots by developing a readiness to leave traditional and long-standing apostolates to the care of others so that we can respond more freely to our calling to renew the Church and refound the Society of Mary .

Confirma hoc, deus.

Salvos nos fac in aeternum.

Confirm this O Lord, Grant us eternal salvation

Ministries:

Parishes, Hospital and Military Chaplaincies, High School teachers, retreat work etc.

Significant dates:

Became the Boston Province of the Society of Mary, May 29, 1924 from the establish American Province:

Parishes Founded by Marists:

St. Anne's Parish, Lawrence 1882; Our Lady of Victories- Boston 1884; St. Joseph's Parish, Haverhill, 1893, Our Lady of Pity, Cambridge, 1895; Sacred Heart Parish, Lawrence -1905; Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Chelsea, 1912; St. Theresa's Parish , Methuen, 1936; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 1937; Lourdes Bureau Boston 1956;

Seminaries: Maryvale Seminary, Bedford Mass 1925; Marist College & Seminary, 1939.

Retreat Center: Marist House Conference and Retreat Center: 1980.

Hospital Chaplaincies: at Mass General Hospital for 25 years.; Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Boston Medical Center, New England Baptist, Boston.

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Sisters of Charity of Nazareth 1882 Newburyport The charity of Christ urges us. SCN

Name of Community: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate: P. O. Box 172 Nazareth, Kentucky 40048

Mission Statement:

We Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are an international Congregation in a multicultural world.

Impelled by the love of Christ, in the tradition of Vincent de Paul and the pioneer spirit of Catherine Spalding, we and our Associates are committed to work for justice in solidarity with oppressed peoples, especially the economically poor and women, and to care for the earth.

We risk our lives and resources, both personally and corporately, as we engage in diverse ministries in carrying out this mission.

SCN General Assembly 1995

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1882

Ministries: Education, St. Peter Orphanage, Homes for Destitute Children, Home for Working Girls, Sister Visitors

Significant Dates:

SCN Missions in New England

1882 - Newburyport, MA The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky were first introduced to "the East," the Diocese of Boston, when Rev. Arthur J. Teeling of Newburyport went in person to Nazareth to ask for Sisters. As a result, there arrived in Newburyport, on August 9, 1882, nine Sisters to staff Rev. Teeling's newly established Immaculate Conception School, which was formally blessed by Bishop John Joseph

- Williams on September 4.
- From 1883 until 1905 the Sisters conducted not only a grade school there but high school as well.
- 1892 - The Sisters opened a Home for Destitute Children in Newburyport. This mission was closed in 1928, as there was no longer a need for it.
- 1887 - Nazareth Sisters arrived August 10 at Brockton, three weeks after the death of Rev. Michael Doherty, who had arranged for them to staff St. Patrick's School. Sister Anacleta spent fifty-three years in domestic work at Brockton. At Sister's death at Nazareth in 1942, Mother Ann Sebastian said, "She was indeed a part of Brockton."
- 1888- -Reverend Richard Barry of Hyde Park invited the Sisters of Charity to open St. Raphael's School; and on August 10, ten Sisters accompanied by Mother Cleophas and companion, arrived from Kentucky. Under Msgr. James J. Chittick, Rev. Barry's successor, the Sisters began to teach at St. Catherine School, Corriganville, in 1895.
- In Lowell, the Sisters of Charity had taken charge of St. Peter's Orphanage in 1887. When this mission was closed in 1956, the Sisters had taken charge of St. Margaret Parochial School, which opened in 1941. In Dorchester, three years after the opening of the St. Peter's Orphanage, the Sisters accepted the care of St. Mary's Infant Asylum; but, two years later, 1892, Nazareth gave up this project. During Nazareth's centennial year, the Sisters accepted the mission at Nazareth Grammar School in South Boston. Opened by five Sisters in September, 1912, Nazareth School doubled its enrollment within eight years.
- In Lynn, Msgr. Arthur Teeling erected the \$80,000 St. Theresa's Home for Working Girls during his golden jubilee year, 1918, as the crowning event of his apostolate. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth operated St. Theresa's Home until 1931.
- In 1947 with the cooperation and support of Archbishop Cushing, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth purchased a beautiful estate in Wakefield, which became the location of the Academy of Our Lady of Nazareth. Friends of the community throughout the Archdiocese have helped substantially to liquidate the debt on this property and continue to show interest in the activities of Nazareth in Wakefield.

Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic 1882

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany	1883	Boston (South End)	Weaving the future; transforming our world	OSF
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Name of Community: Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY, Inc.

Dates of Foundations in the Archdiocese of Boston:

- St Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton - 1883 – 1965
- Working Boys Home in Boston -1887-1905
- St John's Industrial School in Newton - 1896-1905
- St Patrick's Home, Lowell 1898 – 1966
- St. Anthony's, Everett 1958 -1997
- St William's, Tewksbury 1958 - 1970
- St Raphael Convent, West Medford 1991- Present

Mission Statement:

We, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, seek to live the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We witness to God's love in the Franciscan tradition by living as sisters to all creation and by joyfully serving others, especially those who are poor or marginalized.

As vowed women, our mission impels us to:

- Live simply in right relationship with God, with others, and with creation
- Commit to continuing conversion
- Deepen our contemplative stance
- Proclaim the Reign of God in word and deed
- Participate in building a global community based on the principles of justice and compassion

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Be instruments of peace, reconciliation, and non-violence in our Congregation, Church and world
Care for God's earth and its resources

This is our vision – we live it as women of hope!

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Society of St. Sulpice (Sulpicians)	1884	Boston (Brighton)	To live completely for God in Christ Jesus	SS
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Name of Community: Society of St. Sulpice

A charter had been obtained from the General Court in 1883 for “the **Boston Ecclesiastical Seminary**,” which was, *inter alia*, authorized to confer degrees in “Divinity and Philosophy.” The Archbishop [John Williams], who was at first inclined to call the new institution “the Seminary of the Holy Cross,” as Bishop Fenwick had intended, was ultimately prevailed upon to name it “St. John’s,” in honor of his own patron saint. In the **summer of 1884** a group of Sulpicians arrived from Paris and from Maryland, bringing with them a large stock of books as a foundation for the seminary library, and among various works of art, the beautiful statue of the Virgin and Child which now adorns the courtyard of Theology House—a replica of a famous work by Pigalle in the Church of St. Sulpice, Paris. The man already designated to be the first President of the Seminary was the **Abbé John Baptist Hogan**, an Irish-born priest of wide scholarly attainments, who for over thirty years had taught in the Seminary of St. Sulpice, and who during the Paris Commune of 1871 had repeatedly faced imprisonment and the threat of death with imperturbable courage.

On September 18, 1884, the Archbishop blessed the house and chapel of the Seminary, after which he dined there with 125 of the clergy. On the 22nd the new institution opened its doors for the first academic year to thirty-two aspirants to the priesthood, twenty-eight of whom had already studied at other similar schools. In December the first group of ten young men from Brighton were ordained to the priesthood.

The remaining problem of finding a suitable location for a separate establishment for the students in Philosophy was happily solved in October, 1885, when Archbishop Williams succeeded in buying the Plummer estate, of eighteen acres, which lay just to the south of the former Stanwood property, on the corner of Lake Street and South Street (now Commonwealth Avenue. .)

The later Presidents of the Seminary in Archbishop Williams’ time were **Rev. Daniel Maher, S.S.** (1901-1906) and **Rev. Francis P. Havey, S.S.** (1906-1911).

[Robert Howard Lord, John E. Sexton, Edward T. Harrington. *History of the Archdiocese of Boston in the Various Stages of Its Development 1604-1943*. (New York: Sheed and Ward, 1944), Vol. III, 60-62.]

**Servants of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

1886 Lawrence

**Always in search of justice, love, SCIM
and peace**

Name of Community: Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (also known as “Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec”)

On December 31, 1849, at the request of Archbishop Pierre F. Turgeon of Quebec and following the initiative of Lawyer George Manly Muir, Marie Josephe Fitzbach established a shelter in Quebec City for women who, on being released from prison, were homeless and without resources. The Good Shepherd Institute came into being in Quebec City on January 12, 1850 with a group of women. On February 2, 1856 Marie Josephe Fitzbach and her first companions jointly formed a religious community, called and sent to extend the Kingdom of Christ and destined, during the very lifetime of the Foundress, to reach out beyond the Canadian border bringing to generations their charism of mercy and goodness

In 1882, the call of the Church came to the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, also known as Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec, to bring education and social care, to the children and women in many areas of Maine, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and several Mission Countries.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1886 St. Anne Parish, Lawrence

Ministries: Education and Social Services

Significant Dates:

- 1849-1886 The Beginnings
- 1886-1991 St. Anne Parish, Lawrence, Elementary and High Schools
- 1913-2005 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Methuen, Elementary School
- 1918 Influenza Epidemic
- 1925-1982 St. Anne Orphanage and Home, Methuen
- 1925-1971 St. Theresa Parish and School (Formerly St. John Baptist School) Methuen
- 1963-1972 St. Joseph House of Studies, Brookline -- 1972-1976 Newton
- 1966 Summer in Boston
- 1972-1989 Sisters’ Residence at 696 Haverhill Street, Lawrence
- 1972- Sisters’ Residences, Lawrence
- 1986- Lazarus House Ministries, Lawrence
- 1992-2004 Sacred Hearts, Bradford

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Sisters of Charity of Halifax 1887 Roxbury Giving joyful witness to love SC

Name of Community: The Sisters of Charity of Halifax

Vision: Giving Joyful Witness to Love

There is a line from Psalm 16 which the St. Louis Jesuits adapted and popularized in their song "For You Are My God," and it is a line that I often recall when I think about the women with whom I share the call to the Sisters of Charity of Halifax: "You give marvelous comrades to me."

What makes these women so "marvelous" is their desire to live with an awareness of God's love for them and to share that experience of being loved by God by putting themselves at the service of others.

The Constitutions for our congregation call us "to give joyful witness to love, the love of God, of one another and of all persons." When, individually and collectively, we Sisters of Charity have known God's love, the experience overflows, touching all dimensions of our lives, and compelling us to reach out to others with the good news. Our gatherings, whether as small groups in communities and committees, or as

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larger groups in assemblies and chapters, usually carry that spirit. Just as there is prayer and serious discussion, there is laughter and music as we settle in to the important work of living our life together and directing our ministries.

As a congregation, we trace our roots to the American saint, Elizabeth Seton (1774-1821), who adapted the shared vision of Sts. Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac. They had created a new form of active religious life for women by sending them out to the poor on their missions of charity, instead of keeping them in cloisters. In her time, Elizabeth embodied that vision and attracted other women to join her. From her young community, she was able to send sisters to sites, including New York.

When, in 1849, four Sisters of Charity from the New York community landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia, they could not have foreseen how their arrival would be the beginning of so many blessings for so many people. Their early works in Halifax included nursing the sick and educating children. As their stay lengthened, and as other young women joined them, the works multiplied and led to the establishment of hospitals, an orphanage, and schools, including a nursing school and a college for women.

Over the years, the congregation was able to accept invitations to minister in other parts of Canada and the United States, **arriving in Boston in 1887**. For many years, our primary ministry in the Archdiocese was in the field of education, but in recent years, we have served in a variety of other ministries, including pastoral care and social service. Sisters also serve in Bermuda, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.

It is more than 150 years since the first four Sisters of Charity arrived in Nova Scotia. Life in society, in the church, and in religious life has changed significantly over those years. In our congregation, there are new ministries, new ways of ministering and living our lives.

There are also new challenges for those who accept the invitation to consider vowed religious life. Some question the role of women in the Catholic Church; others ask what the value of celibacy is; still others wonder how the life of a sister is much different from the life of any dedicated Catholic woman. If these questions seem to have a personal quality to them for your life, I invite you to seek out the Sisters of Charity.

You will find women who have founded and sustained Church-related educational and medical institutions long before feminism was a topic; you will find celibate women who share their warmth and their joy in community and with the many people they meet; and you will find women who, by sharing their call to know God's love, feel nourished to continue their ministries, supporting one another in the spirit of the congregation, showing forth the love of God in marvelous ways.

Schools served	City	Year
St. Patrick Grammar and High School	Roxbury	1887
Academy of the Assumption	Wellesley	1893
St. Peter Grammar School	Dorchester	1898
St. Joseph Academy	Wellesley	1900
St. Patrick Grammar and High School	Lawrence	1906
St. Margaret Grammar School	Dorchester	1911
St. Peter Grammar School	Lowell	1913
Msgr. Ryan Memorial High School	Dorchester	1918
St. Kevin Grammar School	Dorchester	1946
St. Francis of Assisi Grammar School	Medford	1949
St. Michael Grammar School	North Andover	1950
St. Francis of Assisi Grammar School	Manchester	1957
St. Joseph Grammar and Middle School	Needham	1958
St. Paul Grammar School	Wellesley	1959
St. Mary Grammar School	Randolph	1961
Elizabeth Seton High School	Wellesley	1963
Elizabeth Seton Academy	Dorchester	2003

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Sisters of St. Anne 1887 Marlborough SSA

Name of Community: The Sisters of Saint Anne

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1887, Marlborough

Historical Mission Statement:

To share the mission of Christ the Educator was for Mother Marie Anne (Marie Esther Sureau Blondin) and her first companions to engage in the work of teaching so as to promote the glory of God by making Him known to the poor children who did not have the happiness of knowing Him. To share the mission of Christ the Educator was also, for our young Congregation, to answer the appeals of the Church from distant regions and to accept other forms of service, especially the care of the sick.

Mission Statement Today:

Gospel women, fired by the creative audacity of Blessed Marie Anne Blondin, we dare to live a prophetic presence for the transformation of all that threatens life in order to create a more just and caring world. As a Congregation and as individuals in our various ministries and milieux, we accept the challenge to “fill voids,” as did our foundress, through a renewed educative approach in union with one another and in solidarity with women, youth, those who are poor and those who are marginalized. We risk new ways of living and being with others at the service of life in our constantly changing world.

Ministries: Sisters minister in schools at the elementary, high school, and college levels. The initial form of education in schools has taken on different approaches to fill today's needs: parish ministry, health care, spiritual direction, retreat work, after-school programs, youth leadership, campus ministry, prison ministry, women's advocacy, ESL classes for new immigrants, and service outreach programs.

Sponsored ministries have spanned our history in the Archdiocese:

1887-1972: The community became incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as "The Corporation of the Sisters of Saint Anne" and a boarding school for girls, Saint Anne Academy, was established in Marlborough, MA. With time, the school had resident students and commuters and developed an elementary curriculum as well as classical and commercial high school programs. To conserve the cultural and faith traditions of the Franco-Quebec heritage, French language courses were required. Lessons in Fine Arts were encouraged and many students excelled as pianists and in various art media. The girls were also trained in domestic arts such as sewing, needlework, and cooking. Some one hundred thirty graduates from the Academy became Sisters of St. Anne. In 1975, St. Anne Academy was sold to Academy Knoll Associates, Inc. to become apartments for the elderly and handicapped. It now is a complex of 109 apartments of which 81 are subsidized by HUD.

1946: Anna Maria College was founded in Marlborough. In 1952, the College was transferred to Paxton, MA in the Diocese of Worcester, MA. In 1980, the College was incorporated separately, but continues to be sponsored by the Sisters of St. Anne

1964: Saint Anne Montessori School, Marlborough provides a preschool experience for children between the ages of three and six. Based in the philosophy of Maria Montessori, the school strives to be faithful to modeling and fostering Gospel values in care, in understanding, and in education.

2005: Vacations That Give, A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Anne, sponsors two different kinds of possibilities: trips to disaster areas to rebuild or renovate devastated homes to provide better living conditions for those in need; educational trips that help people to grow intellectually, emotionally, and/or spiritually. A faith-sharing component engages the participants in reflection and discussion wherein they see how to continue to live their faith and to concretize the Gospel message in their daily lives. Each trip includes “vacation” opportunities to visit and enjoy points of interest.

Parish schools staffed by Sisters of St. Anne in the Archdiocese of Boston:

At the turn of the century, many families from the Province of Quebec crossed the Canadian border to

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seek work in textile and shoe factories. French-Canadian pastors accompanied them and quickly established churches and schools in the settlements that were like “little Quebecs.” Over the years, the Congregation responded to several requests to staff parochial schools in the Dioceses of Albany, NY, Manchester, NH, Boston, Springfield and Worcester, MA, and Providence, RI. Bilingual education (French/English) was provided in all schools staffed by the Sisters of Saint Anne. The school schedules mandated a half-day of instruction in English, and a half-day in French. This format continued until the 1960's when this schedule for classes was modified as spoken French lessened in homes and in parish life. In addition to in-class teaching of music and art, extracurricular activities included choirs, glee clubs, individual music and art lessons, and drama clubs and school plays.

1887-1970; St. Anthony School, Marlborough, was renamed St. Mary School when a new building was blessed by Richard Cardinal Cushing in 1955.

1900-1978: Saint Jean Baptiste Elementary School and 1940-1967 St. Jean Baptiste High School, Lynn

1925-1979: St. Jean Evangelist Elementary School, Newton

1928-1933: Christ the King Elementary School, Hudson

Sisters of St. Anne lived, ministered, or still minister in a variety of other diocesan locations:

Among their services we list: directors of religious education, teachers, school principals, pastoral associates, computer specialists, health care workers, hospital chaplains, and campus ministers:

1974-1978: Saint Luke Parish, Belmont/Waverly

1979-: Mary Martha House, Marlborough

1981-2002: Emmanuel House, Wayland served as a formation community for candidates and novices.

1984-1987: Immaculate Conception School, Somerville

1987-1997: St. Jerome School, Weymouth

1988-1997: St. Mary of the Nativity Parish, Scituate

1997-: St. Anthony Parish, Cohasset

1997-1999: St. Charles Parish, Woburn

1999-: St. Theresa Parish, Sherborn

Other sisters served or still serve in other milieus in a variety of ministries. Among them were:

Rosie's Place, Boston; the Archdiocesan Office of Spiritual Development; Blessed John XXIII Seminary, Weston; Boston City Hospital; Framingham Correctional Center; RUAH, a shelter to persons with HIV/AIDS, in Boston; St. Francis House, Boston; Kit Clark Senior Services; and the Jesuit Urban Center, Boston.

Significant Dates:

September 8, 1850: The Community of the Sisters of Saint Anne was founded in Vaudreuil, QC, Canada. Mother Marie Anne (Marie Esther Sureau Blondin) and four companions pronounced first vows giving birth to a community founded for the purpose of the education of girls and boys, especially in rural areas, an unmet need in her day.

1858: At the request of the local Bishop, four sisters and a laywoman left for Victoria, BC to teach the children of the families who had migrated there from the Province of Quebec. This move marked the initiation of a missionary expansion that was carried out in other decades with foundations in Alaska, the United States, the Northwest Territory, Japan, Haiti, Chile, Cameroon, and most recently the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The original Sisters of St. Anne responded to “voids to be filled,” (unmet needs of God's People) and often went to places where others dared not go. “Voids to be filled” is still today the adage that gives direction to each new ministry to be undertaken.

1953: Until 1953, any young woman from Eastern United States, who wanted to become a Sister of St. Anne, went to Lachine, QC, Canada for her formation process. With the flourishing of religious vocations in New England, an American Novitiate was opened in Marlborough, MA in 1953. When the formation program outgrew the barracks that housed it, a new location was needed. Richard Cardinal Cushing donated a property on the Boston Post Road in Marlborough, a building campaign was launched, and the novitiate was erected. The blessing of the cornerstone took place in May, 1963 and the first Mass was celebrated on July 26, 1965. The first professions in the new building took place on August 15, 1965.

St. Ann’s Convent, 720 Boston Post Road, Marlborough, MA:

This facility houses numerous services: Rest Home, Nursing Home, Montessori School, Wellness Center, Province Headquarters, Assembly and Community Rooms, Province Archives, Dining Rooms, Guest Rooms, and a jewel of a Chapel. These areas were renovated between 1983 and 2005.

1983: Novitiate rooms were renovated to provide more adequate space for an aging community in need of assisted living and expanded health care.

1993: The Marie Esther Health Center, a licensed Nursing Home, is blessed. Today, this center cares not only for Sisters of St. Anne, but also for Sisters of St. Chretienne, Good Shepherd Sisters, Little Sisters of the Assumption, and Sisters of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

1996: An Assisted Living Program is begun and the facility is licensed as a Rest Home. Presently, only Sisters of St. Anne occupy the Rest Home rooms.

Community celebrations punctuated the years:

Sisters of St. Anne know how to celebrate. Grand celebrations took place for the Fiftieth, One-hundredth, and One Hundred-Fiftieth Anniversaries of the Congregation respectively in **1900, 1950, and 2000.**

May 14, 1991: Mother Marie Anne Blondin, foundress of the Sisters of Saint Anne, was declared VENERABLE by Pope John Paul II.

April 21, 2001: Venerable Marie Anne Blondin was declared BLESSED by Pope John Paul II.

Today, Sisters of St. Anne everywhere are growing in cultural sensitivity, interdependence, and interconnectedness. The apostolic “voids to be filled” may be very different from those filled by the original sisters, but the calls are not less challenging. In a society where injustice, disparities, and competition reign, we teach that all persons are created equal. As pilgrims on this earth, we walk gently and care for our earth. As inheritors of creative daring, we still cross societal borders and minister where others dare not go. Our charism mandates us as Educators to point to truth and justice wherever fullness of life is threatened. As said our Foundress, we come to tell God’s story, “dire Dieu.”

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Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine, Kentucky	1888 Watertown	The mission is the holy preaching	OP
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Name of Community: Dominican Sisters of Kentucky

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1888, St. Patrick’s, Watertown

Mission Statement:

In our search for truth
our mission is to hear and proclaim God’s Word,
promote the dignity of persons
and participate in the mission of the Church

through our call to teach, to heal, to serve and to transform
oppressive structures.

Vision Statement:

We will be a more inclusive, multicultural community
radically committed to preaching the Gospel.
Led by the Spirit,
we will emphasize study,
contemplation of the interconnectedness of all God’s creation,
living simple, sustainable community,
working against the violence that alienates and marginalizes.
We will collaborate with others sharing our gifts and resources.

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Ministries:

Service to the Archdiocese of Boston, social services, health care, education, ecology

- 1888-1991** St. Patrick Elementary, Watertown
- 1891-1989** St. Patrick High School, Watertown
- 1889-1989** St. Michael, Lowell
- 1891-1992** St. Francis de Sales, Charlestown
- 1898-1912** Infant of Prague, Waverly
- 1914-1962** St. Dominic School for Boys, Waverly
- 1906-1970** St. Patrick, West Lynn
- 1910-1911** St. Catherine Grade School, Charlestown
- 1911-1986** Rosary Academy Elementary, Watertown
- 1911-1981** Rosary Academy High School, Watertown
- 1912-1969** Sacred Heart Elementary, East Boston
- 1913-1987** St. John Elementary, North Cambridge
- 1921-1957** St. John High School, North Cambridge
- 1940-1970** St. Luke, Waverly
- 1941-1969** Mount Trinity Academy, Watertown
- 1946-1966** Boys' Guidance Center, Boston
- 1949-1960** Dominican Postulate, Plainville
- 1950-1960** St. Stephen Priory, Dover
- 1950-1970** St. Agnes, Reading
- 1950-1971** St. Joseph, Belmont
- 1951-1976** Dominican Academy, Plainville
- 1953-1990** St. Mel, Gloucester
- 1956-1969** Sacred Heart High School, East Boston
- 1957-1988** North Cambridge Central High School, Cambridge
- 1976-1990** Dominican Center, Plainville
- 1981-** Rosary Learning Center, Watertown
- 1983-1991** Womancenter, Plainville
- 1989-1990** Celeste House, Plainville
- 1992-** Crystal Spring, Plainville

Significant Dates:

- 1966** Eastern Region established
- 1980** Associate Program established

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Scalabrini Fathers (Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles)	1888	Boston (North End)	To become migrants with the migrants	CS
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Name of Community: Missionaries of Saint Charles - Scalabrinians

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1888, at Sacred Heart in the North End of Boston

Mission Statement:

We were founded by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini on November 28, 1887, for the pastoral care of Italian immigrants in the Americas. Since 1965, the congregation broadened its scope to include all migrants and refugees around the world.

Significant Dates:

June 1st "Scalabrini Day" to commemorate our Founder's passing. He died on June 1, 1905.

- November 4th “Feast of St. Charles Borromeo,” our Patron Saint. After founding the congregation, Scalabrini said: “From now on you will call yourselves “The Missionaries of Saint Charles.”
- November 9th Beatification of our Founder, Scalabrini was declared a “Blessed” by Pope John Paul II on November 9, 1997.
- November 28th Founding of the congregation – November 28, 1887.

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Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, New Jersey 1889 Roxbury God is charity SCNJ

Name of Community: Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth/Convent Station New Jersey

Mission Statement: Women weaving a vision

A mere thirty years after the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in New Jersey, Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan and her council responded to the call to reach out beyond New York and New Jersey by serving in the Archdiocese of Boston. Throughout the following ninety-five years missions have opened and closed, expanded and consolidated, relocated and modified, always with the aim of meeting the needs of the people of each generation.

The story began in **1889** at St. Joseph Parish in Roxbury. Reverend Hugh Smythe, then pastor of St. Joseph's, was a central figure in the early days in Boston. It was Father Smythe who petitioned Mother Xavier to send Sisters of Charity to St. Joseph's. "... Mother Xavier, after considerable delay caused by remonstrance against extending work of the community beyond the limits of the home state, resolved finally to reach out into more distant fields, and sent a contingent of Sisters to establish community work in New England. "

These sisters opened St. Joseph School in 1889 with an enrollment of 450. Eventually the school included a large elementary school as well as an all-girls high school, St. Joseph Academy.

With the rapid establishment of Catholic schools at the time, the missions of the Sisters of Charity in Boston quickly grew to five within a span of four years. In 1890 ten Sisters of Charity replaced the Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Mary Elementary and High School of Immaculate Conception Parish in Salem. In 1896 a three-year commercial course was initiated in the high school.

The following year (1891) four sisters of St. Joseph's in Roxbury opened an elementary school nearby, St. John School. Eighteen hundred ninety-three saw another extension of these Sisters with the opening of Blessed Sacrament School in Jamaica Plain.

Originally this school was housed in the lower floor of the Church. However, it wasn't long before a new church was built, a school building was added, using stones of the former building of the Boston Public Library, and a nearby parish hall was moved. Eventually Blessed Sacrament School was housed in three buildings. In 1896 a high school, later named the Cheverus Commercial School, so named after the first Bishop of Boston, was opened with the first class of twelve students taught in the convent.

Eighteen hundred ninety-three was also the year in which a group of Sisters moved to Newton. Sister Mary Agnes Sharkey tells of their arrival, "Their welcome in the first instance had been heralded by bands of music, Father Dolan and his people uniting to make the formal entry of Mother Xavier's Sisters as glorious and as audible as possible . . ." (Vol. III, p. 225). Our Lady of the Assumption School, popularly known as "Our Lady's," opened as an elementary school in 1893. Within ten years it grew to include a high school with both classical and commercial courses.

Years later, the Sisters of Charity opened St. Charles School in Waltham in 1911 on the second floor of the Church. Several years later a new school was built to include both an elementary school and a two-year commercial course. Five years later (1916) the Sisters of Charity opened Sacred Heart School in Roslinda 1e, another offshoot of St. Joseph's, Roxbury.

As the years passed, the Sisters of Charity in New Jersey included increasing numbers of Bostonians as the

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Massachusetts schools brought many to the Community. However, the late 1920's and the early 1930' s brought about the withdrawal of the Sisters from Newton (1929), from Sacred Heart in Roslindale (1932, and from St. Charles in Waltham (1932). In each of these schools the Sisters of Charity were replaced by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston.

It seems that each of the schools in the Boston Archdiocese had its own season. The high school of St. Mary's in Salem closed in 1949, while its elementary school remained open until 1971. The Sisters withdrew from St. John's in Roxbury in 1973; the school is now closed. St. Joseph Academy, Roxbury, closed in 1968; the Sisters withdrew from the elementary school two years later. Blessed Sacrament High School, which opened in 1949 replacing the commercial course, closed in 1971.

The elementary school of Our Lady's in Newton continues to serve the people of that city, while the high school has now become Newton Catholic High School. Sacred Heart in Roslindale remains open today, while St. Charles, Waltham has since closed. St. Joseph Elementary School in Roxbury is presently St. Joseph Community School staffed by Sisters of various communities.

Although several of the Boston schools closed, two others have more recently been staffed by the Sisters of Charity. In 1973 they replaced the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Andrew School in Forest Hills. A year later a few Sisters of Charity moved to St. Ann's in Wollaston. It is interesting to see the patterns in history when one notes that the pastor who requested that the Sisters of Charity serve at St. Ann's had previously worked with the Sisters of Charity in St. Joseph's, Roxbury, the first of the Congregation's Boston missions.

As the number of "Bostonian Sisters of Charity" grew over the years, so, too, the number of retired Sisters who were originally from the Boston area has grown. Therefore, in 1971, Sacred Heart Convent in Newton Centre was opened as a residence for retired Sisters of Charity. Although retired, the Sisters at Sacred Heart continued their mission of service--as Eucharistic Ministers to the elderly, assisting with parish financial and secretarial services, doing volunteer work in Veterans' Hospital, and making sandwiches for the Pine Street Shelter.

There are several Sisters serving in various fields in the Boston area today: in senior citizen housing, in the courts, and in various parishes.

There are many stories to tell of the Boston days; they continue to be told while others are still in the making. There are many Sisters of Charity who are either originally from the Boston area, or have served in Boston, or both. There is also much more to the history of the Sisters' ministry in the Boston Archdiocese. Little did Mother Xavier, Father Smythe, or the first group in St. Joseph's, Roxbury, realize what they were beginning when they responded to the first "foreign mission" call of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth from New Jersey.

(Quotations are from Sister Mary Agnes Sharkey. *The New Jersey Sisters of Charity*, Volume III. New York, Longmans, 1933.)

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Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods	1889	Chelsea	To honor Divine Providence	SP
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Name of Community: Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1889, St. Rose School, Chelsea

Mission Statement:

The purpose of this Congregation is to honor Divine Providence and to further God's loving plans by devoting itself to works of love, mercy and justice in service among God's people. (*Constitutions*, Article 3)

Ministries:

Teaching, pastoral associate, social work, counseling, accounting

Significant Dates:

1908-1922 Cheverus School, Malden
 1910-2005 St. Patrick School, Stoneham
 1950-1984 St. Polycarp School, Somerville

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Sisters of St. Dominic of the American Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	1889	Lawrence	Praising, blessing, preaching	OP
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Name of Community:

The Sisters of St. Dominic of the American Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Caldwell, NJ

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

September, 1889 - The Assumption School, Lawrence MA opened in the basement of the Assumption Church.

Mission Statement:

The Sisters of St. Dominic embraced the ministry established by the Augustinian Fathers of St. Mary Parish. Together they reached out to the German immigrant population of the Assumption Church and established an elementary school to meet the religious and academic needs of the people. Our Congregation with its roots in Regensburg, Germany provided a common bond. For many years we were "The German Sisters."

Ministries: The Sisters of St. Dominic provided religious instruction for children in public schools.

Significant Dates:

Circa 1940-1941: the Assumption Parish was established as independent from St. Mary's.
Circa 1951-1952: the elementary school moved out of the basement of the Church. The pastor Rev. Raymond J. Stengel through the generous donations of the parishioners and his own keen eye for construction completed the new school building. Then Archbishop Richard J. Cushing blessed the building and reminded Father that the debt was not his alone but one shared by everyone present and their children and grandchildren to come. As usual, he brought down the house!
June, 1971: Population shifts and few religious available for leadership ended the 82-year history of Caldwell presence; the sisters were withdrawn and the school closed.

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Carmel of Our Lady and St. Joseph	1890	Boston	A great love for the Church	OCD
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Name of Community: Carmel of Our Lady and St. Joseph of Boston (Roxbury)

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate: 61 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Roxbury (autonomous monastery)

Mission Statement: "The vocation of the discalced Carmelite nuns is a gift of the Spirit. Through it they are

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called to a 'hidden union with God' in friendship with Christ, in familiarity with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in an existence in which prayer and immolation blend into a great love for the Church." (Constitutions, # 10)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: August 27, 1890

Ministries: “. . . in virtue of their vocation, they are called to contemplation in prayer and in life. Their commitment to continuous prayer is sustained by faith, by hope, and above all by charity . . . [her] prayer and the consecration of all her energies” are directed to the service of the Church. (Constitutions, # 10)

Significant Dates:

A Brief History of Boston Carmel

Boston Carmel was founded in **1890** from Baltimore Carmel, one hundred years after Baltimore Carmel's establishment as the first foundation of religious women in the United States. In November 1889, Archbishop John J. Williams of Boston was in Baltimore to preside at the opening Mass of the Catholic Congress celebrating the Centennial of the Catholic Hierarchy. While there, he visited the Baltimore Carmelite Monastery where he learned that their community had its full complement of sisters (21 is the maximum) and were having to turn away young women, many of whom were from New England. It was then that the nuns expressed their desire to found a monastery in Boston, an idea greatly welcomed by the Archbishop. At the formal invitation of Archbishop Williams, five Carmelite nuns set sail from Baltimore for the new foundation in Boston on August 23, 1890: **Mother Beatrix** of the Holy Spirit (Camilla Magers) Prioress; Mother Angela of the Presentation (Josephine Dyer) Sub-prioress; Sister Gertrude of the Heart of Jesus (Gertrude McMaster); Sister Augustine of the Mother of God (Eulalia Tuckerman); Sister Alphonsus of the Heart of Jesus (Barbara Braun).

The nuns arrived on August 27, 1890, and became the first contemplative order to be established in Boston. They celebrated their first Holy Mass in the new convent the following day. The Reverend Charles W. Currier, CSsR presided at the Mass. The Redemptorists of Mission Hill in Roxbury have served faithfully as chaplains of the Carmelite Roxbury community since that first Mass up to the present day.

The founders stayed in their first location on Cedar Street for four years. On **September 25, 1894**, they moved to their permanent location on **Mount Pleasant Avenue**, just a short distance away. This monastery still stands today and is the oldest extant Carmelite monastery building in the United States.

Several monasteries were founded from Boston Carmel. These monasteries are located in Philadelphia, PA, Santa Clara, CA, Concord, NH, and Danvers, MA.

- 1896 Move of the community from original house at Cedar Street in Roxbury to the present monastery at 61 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Roxbury.
- 1902 The community sent out its first foundation to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1908 A second foundation to Santa Clara, California was begun.
- 1946 A third foundation was begun in Concord, New Hampshire.
- 1950 A fourth foundation to Danvers, Massachusetts was begun.
- 1966 A foundation to South Dartmouth, Massachusetts was opened.

Contact Information

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2nd Councillor: Sr. Mary Clare

Guest House Information: limited to families of the nuns

Day of Discernment for Women Interested in Religious Life: by appointment

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia	1891 Roxbury	Filled with trust in the goodness of God, we move forward	OSF
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Name of Community: Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1891

Mission Statement:

We, the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, choose to live the Gospel in the prophetic spirit of Francis of Assisi and our foundress, Mother Francis Bachmann. With Jesus Christ as Brother, we live as sister with one another, with the entire human family, and with all creation. Calling ourselves and one another to continuous conversion of heart we commit ourselves to a life of contemplation, poverty, and humility.

As vowed women of the Church, we respond with diverse gifts in a spirit of collaboration and mutual service to the needs of others, especially the economically poor, the marginal, and the oppressed. Seeking to participate in the Spirit's action in the world, we direct our personal and corporate resources to the promotion of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Filled with trust in the goodness of God, we move forward.

Ministries: Education, Healthcare, Social Services

Significant Dates:

- April 9, 1855 Official date of the founding of our congregation
- 1891-1966 Staffed St. Francis Home, Roxbury, MA
- 1894-1985 Staffed St. Mary Home for Children, New Bedford, MA
- 1913-1961 Staffed Holy Trinity Elementary & High Schools
- 1961-present Ministry at Our Lady of the Assumption School, Lynnfield, MA
- 1966-2007 Ministry at Blessed Sacrament, Walpole, MA

1968-1975 Sr. Francis Georgia Vicente, OSF, was a key player as liaison and advocate for the Spanish-speaking population of Boston for both the archdiocese and the city. She was involved in planning, lobbying, and establishing services and agencies and was named to the first Board of Education formed in 1969 by Cardinal Cushing. She served as Secretary of the newly formed Central Organization for Spanish Speaking People—C.O.S.S. (1969); was appointed in 1968 as Consultant to the Mayor in Puerto Rican Affairs by Mayor Kevin White and held the position 1969-1972; and served as Advocate for Linguistic Minorities for the Bureau of Equal Education Opportunity for the MA State Department of Education (1972-75).

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Marist Brothers of the Schools 1892 Lowell To make Jesus known and loved FMS

Name of Community: Marist Brothers of the Schools

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1892

Mission Statement:

"To make Jesus known and loved, through the Christian education of youth, especially the least favored."

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Significant Dates:

According to B. Martin Thomas, F. M. S., who wrote *The History of the Marist Brothers in the United States*. (1961). and corroborated by several other Brother historians, **the first Marist Brothers to minister in the Boston Archdiocese came to Lowell, Massachusetts in 1892**. They taught the primary and upper grades at St. Joseph's parish school until 1950. Meanwhile, St. Joseph's High School had been established in 1934, after two initial attempts to found a high school in 1907 and 1920 were discontinued due to a lack of enrollment. St. Joseph's High School was administered and staffed by Marist Brothers until 1968.

Other ministries of the Marist Brothers of the Schools included:

St. Anne's School, Lawrence, MA. In 1892, the Brothers began a 58-year history of teaching the boys of the parish and the city of Lawrence. In 1928, the high school department was organized at St. Anne's. In 1935 Brother Florentius, the principal of St. Ann's, sought the backing of the city's pastors for the funding of a new high school for boys, a "central school" for boys from the various parishes. In 1950, the last of the Brothers was withdrawn from St. Anne's.

St. Joseph School, Haverhill, MA. In September **1903**, 3 Marist Brothers began teaching in the parish grammar school. By 1911 there were 9 Brothers teaching 430 students. In June of 1947, due to declining enrollment, the 4 last Marist Brothers at St. Joseph's were withdrawn.

Central Catholic High School, Lawrence, MA. In September **1935**, CCHS saw its first two class of 55 students begin classes in the Knights of Columbus building. In November of that year they moved to an abandoned public school on Hampshire Street. Presently, some 1300 young men and women attend the school.

St. Jeanne d'Arc, Lowell, MA. 1936 witnessed 3 Marist Brothers arrive to teach the upper grammar school grades at the parish school. By 1946, the Grey Nuns of the Holy Cross took over their duties and the Brothers were reassigned elsewhere for high school work.

St. Joseph's Juniorate, Tyngsboro, MA. For 27 years, from **1922** until 1949, this building housed the hundreds of high school boys from the New England area who prepared for a Marist Brother's vocation.

St. Joseph's Novitiate, Tyngsboro, MA. In August **1949**, B. Louis Omer and 23 Marist Brothers' novices first took up residence in the former juniorate, to prepare for the profession of their first vows. 1968 saw the last class to do so.

The Marist Brothers have also been significantly involved in the ministry at two other places in the Boston Archdiocese:

The House of Affirmation, Whitinsville, MA. From 1974-1986, several Marist Brothers ministered to the priests and religious men and women from all over the world.

Lazarus House Ministries, Lawrence, MA. Responding to the needs of the poor of the area, Brother Thomas Petite, F. M. S. and several lay people founded and operated Lazarus House starting in **1982**. Since then, several Marist Brothers have been involved with its works.

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Sisters of St. Mary of Namur 1892 Lowell The choice of simplicity in all things SSMN

The **Congregation of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur**, a Belgian community, came to the United States in 1863. On **August 27, 1892**, at the request of Father Guillard, O.M.I., pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, five sisters arrived in Lowell, Massachusetts. According to the annals, the assistant who hired a carriage to take them to their convent, a small house next to the school, met the sisters. On Monday, following their arrival in Lowell, two sisters went to Boston in the company of Father Guillard, who presented them to the Most Rev. Archbishop John J. Williams who blessed the sisters and their work.

Within two weeks of their arrival, the sisters opened Sacred Heart School with a registration of one hundred six students, K-grades 4. From the very beginning, the curriculum was solidly based on religion, the humanities, and good citizenship. Penmanship, art, drama, and sewing were also stressed. On June 13, 1893, Father Guillard received word from the City of Lowell School Committee that Sacred Heart School was complying with the public statutes. The school could issue certificates to the students who attended.

A steady increase in the registration necessitated the addition of new classes. By 1896, over three hundred students were enrolled in grades K through 8. By 1909 the number had doubled to six hundred, more than the school could accommodate.

In 1910, it became necessary to erect a new school. The laying of the cornerstone by his Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, was an impressive ceremony with a vast number of parishioners in attendance. In 1920, to comply with diocesan regulations, the school adopted the elementary and junior high plan. This continued through 1927 when the ninth grade was terminated due to low enrollment.

The first lay teacher, Miss Helen Callahan, was hired in 1932 and remained part of the staff for three years. However, it was not until 1960 that lay teachers became a permanent part of the faculty.

Sadness struck Sacred Heart parish on May 6, 1967 when the new school was totally destroyed by fire. One fireman, John J. Wojtas, collapsed and later died of a heart attack at St. John's Hospital. The pastor of the First Baptist Church and the City of Lowell officials immediately pledged whatever help they could give to house the children until the end of the school year. The school administration was very grateful for all the support they received. However, it was decided that it would be best to continue at Sacred Heart using the old school for double sessions. Within a short time it was announced that a new school would be built and on September 22, 1968, the cornerstone was laid.

Registration was never a problem at Sacred Heart School until the late 1970's. With a decline in the national birth rate and ethnic changes in urban neighborhoods, Sacred Heart experienced a drop in enrollment. In view of these factors, along with financial pressure, the parish council in 1980 voted to restrict enrollment to one class per grade.

By 2004, the principals of the nine Catholic schools in the city of Lowell met to plan the future of Catholic education in the city. The meetings were held out of concern for two trends affecting Catholic schools in the city. The first was a continuing decline in enrollment due to two factors: demographic changes as the traditional Catholic population moved out of the city into the surrounding suburbs and the economic downturn which made it more difficult for families to afford Catholic education. The second trend was the rise of operation costs as the school enrollment decreased. The greatest impact was felt in costs for heat, electricity, and health insurance for faculty and staff.

On January 8, 2004, the decision was made to close Sacred Heart School. For over one hundred years the Sisters of St. Mary had staffed Sacred Heart School. The sisters had taught lessons of religion, math, reading and other subjects, but most of all they taught lessons for life.

Sacred Heart parish had also been a source of vocations to the religious life since the first vocation in 1896. The sisters also promoted vocations to the priestly life especially to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate who served in the parish. One Oblate attributed his vocation to a Sister of St. Mary of Namur stating that without her interest in his academic life and her explicit invitation to consider the Oblate life, he may never have entered

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the seminary .

Long before the closing of Sacred Heart School, the sisters shared a real concern for the needs of all people especially the poor and disadvantaged. After Vatican II, the sisters became increasingly more involved in parish life, joining Parish Council committees, church choir, promoting religious instruction classes to public school children, and establishing a Junior Sodality.

By the 1970' s, the sisters were engaged in pastoral visitation to the homebound, nursing home residents, hospitals, and adult day care centers. One sister worked full-time as parish visitor to hundreds of elderly in the Greater Lowell area. Under her direction, the convent became a senior nutrition site and arts and crafts center. Another sister taught severely handicapped children in a home linked to Boston's Children's Hospital. The retired sisters, too, were devoted to a ministry of prayer and to attending every parish funeral as a witness to the caring of all the sisters for the bereaved.

At this time, St. Anthony Portuguese Church requested sisters to prepare children for First Holy Communion. Since the children did not speak English, adults stayed in the classrooms in order to translate the sisters' lessons. Another area of concern was the Shaughnessy Housing Project where the sisters set up an outreach office and also sponsored a vacation bible program.

Even before the school closed, faithful to their charism to reach out to all peoples, the sisters welcomed refugee children to Sacred Heart School. In 1997, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate initiated the Oblate Outreach Program, and sought the collaboration of the Sisters of St Mary to teach English Second Language to Cambodian refugees. This work continued until the year 2004.

Like their founder, Dom Nicholas Minsart, who burned with zeal to alleviate suffering wherever it was to be found, the sisters expanded their sights to the needy throughout the state. A sister nurse was employed at Roxbury Health Center and another sister was employed by the Archdiocese of Boston to serve as Director of the Office for Ethnic Apostolates.

Throughout the years, strong bonds of friendship were forged among the Sisters of St Mary, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and the Lowell community. Alumni and parishioners of Sacred Heart School selflessly supported the sisters, not just financially, but by their labor and their interest as well. The sisters gratefully responded to their unwavering faith and loyal support.

In the dedicated lives of parishioners, clergy, and women religious, life and healing radiated to a broken world. For over a hundred years, the ministry of education and pastoral care was carried out with unflagging devotion. It is in a spirit of profound gratitude for all the ministerial opportunities and all the blessings that the Sisters of St. Mary reflect on the treasured memories of their life in Sacred Heart Parish, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart 1894 United and consecrated in the heart of Jesus SC

Little Sisters of the Holy Family 1900 Lowell LSHF

The Little Sisters of the Holy Family is a religious order founded by Mother Leonie Paradis in 1880. Marie Léoni was born in l'Acadie, near Saint-Jean, Quebec in 1840. At 14 years old she became a postulant in the order the Sisters of the Holy Cross. She was sent to Meramcook, New Brunswick in 1874 to help establish a new foundation. It was there, inspired by Martha in the Gospel, that she founded the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, a community dedicated to serving the clergy.

At the request of the late Rev. J. Lefebvre, O.M.I., Provincial, and cousin of the late Rev. Camille Lefebvre, C.S.C., co-founder of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, Mother Leonie accompanied Sr. Marie du Saint-Sacrement, Sr. Sainte-Bernadette, Sr. Saint-Sebastien and Sr. Saint-Denis and arrived in Lowell, August 30, 1900 take charge of the domestic work at St. Jean Baptiste Rectory, thus establishing the Congregation's first mission in Massachusetts. As other Oblate parishes were established in Lowell the Little Sisters were found in most of them.

Mother Leonie died on May 3, 1912. She was beatified in Montreal, Canada, on September 11, 1984 by His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

As of February, 2007 three members of the congregation remain in the area and these tend to the domestic

needs of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Tewksbury, MA.

Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception	1902 Boston	Let us begin	MFIC
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Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception In the Archdiocese of Boston

The Missionary Franciscan Sisters were founded by an English convert, Elizabeth Hayes (Mother Mary Ignatius), in Belle Prairie, MN in 1873.

“In **1902**, Father Ubaldus Pandolfi, O.F.M., pastor of the Church of St. Leonard in the North End of Boston, invited our sisters to open St. Anthony Parochial School in his parish.” From this mission other missions developed including Mt. Carmel, East Boston, St. Francis of Assisi, East Cambridge, Home for Italian Children, Jamaica Plain; and Mt. Alvernia Academy, Chestnut Hill. In 1912 our first canonically established American Novitiate opened in Chestnut Hill. Mt. Alvernia Academy opened its doors in September 1927. It opened as a day school for boys and a day and boarding school for girls. We began our association with St. Ignatius Parish before they had a Church. The pastor invited the sisters from Mt. Alvernia to take charge of religious instruction after the children’s Mass, which was held in the faculty chapel at St. Mary’s Hall, Boston College.

In **1919** the Home for Italian Children was founded as a “home for children of Italian parentage who had been orphaned by the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919.” Land was purchased for the home in Jamaica Plain and in February 1919 the first female resident was brought to the home by Mother Umiliana. Though many changes have taken place at the Italian Home for Children, as it is now called, our association continues through the ministry of one of our Sisters.

In **1953** Archbishop Richard Cushing met with Mother Euphemia and invited our sisters to staff the projected central high school in Roslindale. It would be an all-girls school and at the request of our community was named St. Clare’s.

In **1958** we began teaching at St. Mary of the Hills in Milton taking up residence on the top floor of the school.

In **1961** we purchased the Madden Estate on Centre St. in Newton. The three provinces in the United States became one centered in Newton in 1965. The main house of the Estate became the Provincial Residence. Eventually in June 1966 a four-winged building consisting of chapel, convent, classrooms, library and gymnasium were dedicated and added to the beautiful property. Mt. Alvernia College, chartered by the State of Massachusetts, continued to educate sisters in preparation for the missions. The novitiate was also moved to Centre St. and a formal juniorate was established. Newly professed sisters from Ireland soon joined our American junior professed, an enriching experience for all.

1972 brought changes to Mt. Alvernia Academy. The decision was made to move the high school from Chestnut Hill to our property at Centre St. in Newton. It became known as Mt. Alvernia High School and almost immediately the enrollment doubled. In later years “Mount Alvernia Academy has absorbed the space made available by the exodus of the high school. It, too, has expanded its programs on every level.” In September 1994, the seventh and eighth grades transferred from 20 Manet Road to 790 Centre Street.

Our main focus in Boston had been teaching but **the 70s** were a time of change and many sisters opted for new ministries in the Archdiocese. Sisters have worked as spiritual directors, councillors and social workers. We have had Sisters working with people living with AIDS, in campus ministry, and with immigrants from Ireland, Haiti and a variety of countries around the Archdiocese.

Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	1902 Brockton	Stake all on God to reveal the Father’s love through education	SASV
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Name of Community: Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1902

Mission Statement: With Mary, stake all on God to reveal the Father’s Love through education.

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Ministries: Education in elementary and high schools, college and hospital chaplaincy, pastoral care in parishes

Significant dates:

Foundation of following schools:

- 1902-2007 Sacred Heart, Brockton
- 1907 - St. Louis de France, Lowell
- 1925- St. Joseph, Salem
- 1927-1968 St. Joseph, Everett
- 1945-1973 Sancta Maria Private School, Lowell
- 1945-1961 Saint Marie, South Lowell
- 1954-1978 St. Theresa, Dracut
- 1946 SASV Provincial House at Sancta Maria, Lowell.
- 1957 Transferred to Petersham, MA

Centennial Celebrations:

- 1972 St. Joseph Parish, Salem
- 1992 St. Joseph School, Salem
- 2002 Sacred Heart School, Brockton
- 2007 St. Louis School, Lowell

Suppressed by Archdiocese:

- 1980 St. Joseph High School, Salem
- 1990 St. Louis Academy, Lowell--to become Lowell Catholic High School
- 2003 Sacred Heart Parish, Brockton
- 2004 St. Louis Parish, Lowell
- 2007 Sacred Heart School, Brockton
- 2008 St. Louis Convent, Lowell

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Sisters of St. Chretienne 1903 Salem Manifest the tender love and mercy of God SSCh

Name of Congregation: Sisters of Saint Chrétienne

Location of Motherhouse: Metz, France

Location of Provincialate: Wrentham, MA

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1903

Mission Statement:

Anne Victoire de Méjanès founded a congregation of women in Metz, France in 1807 under the patronage of St. Chrétienne. This name, Sisters of St. Chrétienne, reveals our being and our mission:

Impelled by the love of Christ,
in the footsteps of our patron, St. Nino,
“Illuminator and Woman-Apostle”,
and inspired by our Founders’ sensitivity
to the needs of the time, we go out
into the heart of cities, towns and villages.
We strive to proclaim Jesus Christ by our whole life
and to manifest the tender love and mercy

of God our Father to all we meet,
especially to the poor and lowly.
(1997 Provincial Chapter)

We are an international Congregation serving today in France, Austria, Hungary, Georgia, Canada and in Africa--in Rwanda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania-- where we have young native vocations. In the U.S., our Sisters are in Massachusetts, R.I., Connecticut, Maine and Florida.

Our Sisters serve the people of God through prayer, outreach to the needy, parish ministry, spiritual direction, hospital chaplaincy, nursing, teaching, in humble service and hospitality as needs arise.

Our evangelical figures, St. Nino (St. Chrétienne) and Anne de Méjanès, constantly inspire and challenge us. We see them reflected, not only in us but within our friends and Associates who are attracted to our spiritual family.

Together, we become disciples of Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, for the salvation of the world. Together we are called to manifest the tenderness of the Father to all.

Significant dates:

1807 Founding of the Congregation in Argancy, France

1903 Due to repressive anti-clerical laws in France, the Sisters were threatened with the closing of many of their schools and the loss of their religious way of life. The Congregation saw America as the land where God would provide new possibilities for mission. The Sisters were welcomed in Salem and staffed the parish school of St. Joseph's until 1925. From there, many other calls were answered.

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Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary 1905 SSCC

Name of Community: Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Ministry: Teacher, Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton

Significant Dates: Damien House started in 1973 in Dorchester

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Holy Union Sisters 1905 Cambridge Called to be at the heart of the world, revealing God's love SUSC

Name of Community: HOLY UNION SISTERS

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

1905 Our Lady of Pity School, Cambridge; Sacred Heart School, Lawrence

Mission Statement:

We, Holy Union Sisters of the United States, as women of the church and members of an international congregation are called to be "at the heart of the world, revealing God's love." (Constitutions, Art. 1) Strengthened by our charism of UNION, we are challenged in our lives to promote justice based on gospel values. Faithful to our name and charism of UNION, we seek throughout our lives to deepen our

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understanding of the mystery of the Incarnation which impels us to reconcile all in Christ. "That All May Be One". (Jn. 17:21)

Ministries:

1905 – Our Lady of Pity Elementary School, Cambridge, MA
1905 – Sacred Heart Elementary School, Lawrence, MA
1912 – Our Lady of the Assumption Elementary School, Chelsea, MA
1928 – Sacred Heart High School, Lawrence, MA
1936 – Our Lady of Pity High School, Cambridge, MA
1948 – St. Anthony School, Shirley, MA
1949 – Country Day School of the Holy Union, Groton, MA
1950 – Rose Hawthorne Elementary School, Concord, MA
1953 – Rose Hawthorne Central Catholic High School, Concord, MA
1967 – Special Education, Lowell, MA; Lighthouse School, No. Chelmsford, MA

Ministries in the Archdiocese in which Holy Union Sisters formerly participated:

Abington: St. Bridget Parish

Belmont: Pastoral Ministry, St. Joseph

Boston: Adult Learning Center, South Boston; African Pastoral Center, Roxbury; Archdiocesan Religious Education Center, Brighton; Fuller Mental Health Center; Mission Elementary School, Roxbury; Nazareth Children with Aids, Roxbury; Notre Dame Education Center, South Boston; St. Angela School, Mattapan; St. Clare High School, Roslindale; St. Matthew School, Dorchester; The Catholic Connection, Inc., Boston

Brockton: Congregate Living, St. Edward's; ESL Center; Sacred Heart School

Cambridge: Admissions Office, Weston School of Theology; Religious Education, Our Lady of Pity

Framingham: St. Patrick Manor, Framingham

Groton: Holy Union Spiritual Life Center; Religious Education, Sacred Heart

Lawrence: Central Catholic High School; Mary Immaculate Nursing Home; Pastoral Ministry, Sacred Heart; Religious Education, Sacred Heart; Southeastern Asian Center; St. Mary High School

Lowell: Holy Union African Center; Holy Union Asian Center; Immaculate Conception School; Nursing, St. John's Hospital

Newton: Coordinator, Sabbatical Program, Boston College, Chestnut Hill; History Department, Boston College

Pepperell: St. Joseph Parish

Plainville: St. Martha's Parish

Quincy: Religious Education, Squantum

Tewksbury: Nursing, Tewksbury Hospital

West Groton: Religious Education, St. James

Weston: Regis College

Current Ministries:

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Pastoral Ministries, St. William Parish, **Tewksbury**, MA

Secretary, Saints Medical Center, **Lowell**

Hospital Chaplain, **Ayer**, MA

Pastoral Associate, **Ayer/Shirley**, MA

Prison Chaplain, **Roslindale** and **West Concord**, MA

Significant Dates:

October, 1886, arrival of the first Holy Union Sisters from France, Belgium and Ireland to staff Sacred Heart School in Fall River, MA.

August, 1947, founding of a second American Province in Groton, MA

October, 1986, the two American Provinces celebrated the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Holy Union Sisters in the United States. Among the many events celebrated was a televised Mass with Cardinal Bernard Law officiating.

October, 1999, the Groton and Fall River Provinces merged to become the United States Province of the Holy Union with Provincial Offices in the Archdiocese of Boston in Milton, MA.

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WebSite: www.holyunionsisters.org

Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers (Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata)	1905	Waltham	To be of single heart and soul	CSS
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Name of Community: Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1905

Mission Statement:

The Stigmatine Charism, given to us by our Holy Founder, Saint Gaspar Bertoni, may be summarized in the missionary mandate, "go forth and teach (*Euntes Docete*) in the Diocese and in the world", characterized by the following:

By a convinced choice of God, as a loving Father,
in an attitude of humility and confident abandonment to Him;
By an intense love for the Church;

By a profound availability to serve our sisters and brothers in the apostolate of the Word.

Ministries:

Retreat Ministry (Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham, MA)

Parishes

Seminary Formation

Missionary Apostolate (Brazil, Thailand, Africa, Ivory Coast, Philippines)

Counseling

Significant Dates:

Foundation of Holy Family Church, Lynn, MA - August 13, 1922

Foundation of Sacred Heart Church, Waltham, MA - November 26, 1922

Foundation of Stigmatine Minor Seminary, Waltham, MA - November 19, 1924

Foundation of Saint Francis (Mission) Church, Lynn, MA - January 10, 1925

Foundation of Stigmatine Minor Seminary ('Elm Bank'), Wellesley, MA – July 13, 1940

First Weekend Retreat at held at The Sacred Heart Retreat House (now The Espousal Retreat Center), Waltham, MA - November 20, 1953

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Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice (Felician Sisters)	1906	South Boston	Thanks be to God	CSSF
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Name of the Community: Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Felix of Cantalice (Felician Sisters)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1906 Our Lady of Czestochowa, South Boston

Brief History;

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Felix of Cantalice is an international congregation of women religious with more than 2000 members on four continents and in eleven countries. It had its historic beginnings in nineteenth century Poland. The charism of the Congregation was expressed by the first Felicians by lives centered in prayer and overflowing into ministry. Since the Congregation had its origin in social services, diverse forms of charitable acts became inseparable from the Felician vocation. We are members of the Franciscan family.

In Boston, the influx of Poles continued uninterruptedly at the turn of the twentieth century. Reverend John Chmielinski, first pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa, South Boston, became greatly concerned about the Catholic education of the children of his parishioners. In 1906 three Felician sisters from Buffalo, New York were invited to staff the parish school which opened in the basement of the church. To provide a residence for them, a two-family house was bought and converted into a convent.

After a new parish of St. John the Baptist was established in Salem, the Sisters were invited in 1908 to staff the new school, which was converted from the old church.

In 1910, Felician Sisters arrived to teach in the school which had been established in 1905.

In addition to teaching in the parish schools and broadening their professional competence, the sisters reached out in many other ways to the community by providing religious education, participating in food kitchens, visiting nursing homes, responding to the influenza epidemic in 1918.

Each of the schools can point to graduates who have become prominent in their communities.

Ministries: Education; catechesis

Significant Dates:

1874 First American apostolate, Polonia, Wisconsin
1900 Establishment of the second American province, Buffalo
1906-1924 Our Lady of Czestochowa, South Boston
1908-1977 St. John the Baptist, Salem
1910-2002 St. Stanislaus School, Holy Trinity Parish, Lowell

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Order of St. Clare (Poor Clares) 1906 Boston To observe the Holy Gospel OSC

Name of Community: Monastery of St. Clare – Jamaica Plain

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: January 11, 1906

Dedication – June 30, 1906

Mission Statement:

To observe the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
by living obedience,
without anything of one’s own,
and in Chastity, and enclosure within Community

Ministries: Prayer and Service

Significant Dates: March 23, 1906 – Sisters arrive in Boston

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Sister Clare Frances McAvoy, OSC, Abbess

Archivist: Sister Mary David Fraine, OSC

Vocation Director: Sister Mary Frances Hone, OSC



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1907-1944

Bishop: William Henry O'Connell (1907-1944)

Congregation of the Passion (Passionists)	1908	Boston (Brighton)	The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most stupendous work of Divine Love.	CP
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Name of Community: The Congregation of the Passion

Mission Statement:

Faithful to the charism of St Paul of the Cross,
the Mission of the Passionists is to keep alive in the world
the love of Jesus Crucified as seen in His Sacred Passion.

This mission is rooted in prayerful community life
and is expressed in collaborative ministry
to the people of God in all walks of life
especially to the poor and suffering.

We seek the unity of our lives and our Apostolate
in the Passion of Jesus.

46th Provincial Chapter May 9-14,2002

Significant Dates:

- 1908 Beatification of St. Gabriel by Pius X
Boston, Mass. St. Gabriel's Monastery founded in Brighton, MA during the time of Cardinal O'Connell
Eastern Province aids the western Province with Missionaries; assumes debts contracted before the split of the provinces
- 1927 Diamond Jubilee (75) of the Passionists in the US
Retreat House begun at St. Gabriel's Monastery, Brighton, MA during the time of Cardinal O'Connell

Historical Summary of the Passionists in Brighton, Massachusetts

In 1907 the Passionists received permission to establish a monastery in Boston. Father Fidelis Kent Stone, husband, father and widower, former Episcopal minister, President of Kent and Hobart Colleges, convert, Paulist priest and Passionist, pioneered the effort. In 1908 the Nevins Estate in Brighton was purchased.

Dedicated in 1911, St. Gabriel's Monastery, built with attention to Spanish architecture, was soon home to a small community of itinerant preachers and a public chapel where many came for spiritual consolation. St. Gabriel's also served as a Passionist house of studies. From 1911 to 1978, St. Gabriel's was home to a laymen's retreat movement. A separate retreat wing was added to the monastery in 1927 and expanded in 1950. In the post-conciliar era this ministry grew and changed from a monastic style retreat to a team approach.

In 1928 a church was built on the property to replace the chapel. Weekly devotions in honor of Passionist saints, an outreach to the community, especially the many hospitals and public housing developments, and an option for the poor with parish projects have been important ministries over the decades.

From 1970 until 1977, a portion of the monastery served as the first Passionist health care facility. In 1978 the Passionists decided to close St. Gabriel's Monastery due to financial concerns and lack of personnel. In 1980 it was sold to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. From the early 1980s until the late 1990s, a small Passionist community resided at St. Gabriel's Residence, adjacent to the original property.

In 1934 St. Gabriel's Parish was created, with offices in the monastery. In 1966 Our Lady of Fatima Shrine was built by the monastery community, but now the services are conducted by church and lay personnel. In 1967 a convent was completed for the parish school; however, by 1970 the school closed, the Sisters of St. Joseph moved, and the Passionist parish staff relocated to the convent. The school building has remained a vibrant site for alternative educational programs. In the 1970s a Spanish liturgy was initiated in the parish.

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary	1908	East Boston	Make my heart and that of the Institute a living flame that enkindles the earth	FMM
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NAME OF COMMUNITY: FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY

DATE OF FOUNDATION IN BOSTON – October 12, 1908 – Orient Heights, East Boston

MISSION STATEMENT

Called by the Spirit to cross frontiers of culture, language and belief, we are ready to go anywhere to spread the Good News of God’s love for all people!

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary are an international religious congregation of over 7000 women of 82 nationalities. We serve on six continents and live in international communities. We are dedicated to universal mission.

In 1877, we were the first missionary congregation to be founded exclusively by a woman, Mary of the Passion (Helene de Chappotin) who was beatified on Mission Sunday in 2002. Seven FMM of 4 different nationalities killed in China in 1900 were among the “Chinese Martyrs” canonized in 2000. An Italian Sister who died in China in 1905 was beatified in 1954.

Sisters from the Canadian province of the FMM had come to Worcester to work among Canadian immigrants in 1903. In 1908 Archbishop William O’Connell invited Mother Agnelle, Provincial of Canada to move from Worcester to Boston where there was great need for Sisters to work among Italian immigrants. He offered them property at **Orient Heights in East Boston**. As Rector of the American College in Rome, the Archbishop had visited the FMM international novitiate at Grottaferrata outside Rome several times. He wrote to Mother Agnelle, “make friends, sell your work, do all you wish, for I love your Order. I have seen your Sisters build their house at Grotta, carrying the bricks themselves. He is also reported to have said, “I have seen the FMM do almost everything except shoe a horse!” There were 5 sisters in the original group, 2 French, 1 Italian and 2 Canadian. Within 4 years, they were joined by numerous other sisters of Canadian, Italian and Austrian nationalities. At first, no priests were available for daily Mass. The Franciscan Fathers in Boston took on this added service. This meant a full hour of travel – half an hour by streetcar, half an hour by foot up 88 steps, then up an unpaved hill to Orient Ave. Under these difficult conditions, the Sisters could not ask the Friars to come a second time each day for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Archbishop, who knew the Sisters had daily adoration, came to their rescue. He himself designed a revolving exposition throne, made of gold embossed leather, to hold the monstrance. He gave the FMM permission to open and close it automatically – a permission which was granted by Rome for all FMM missions many years later!

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Ministries

Ministries in East Boston

Religious instruction in Italian to Italian youth (ages 15 – 20); catechism classes in both Italian and English for 600 children in Mt. Carmel parish and in their own parish at the foot of the hill; a workroom which employed 15 young emigrants - there Sisters and young women produced delicate embroidery and church vestments for sale. It soon became necessary to open a day care center and nursery school for children whose mothers worked in factories. The Sisters provided lunch for the children who needed it. A Children of Mary group provided spiritual formation for 100 young women. Since the Sisters did not earn enough money to live on from their work among the poor, Archbishop O'Connell authorized them to "solicit help for the splendid work they are doing." This paved the way for the Sisters' life and ministry to continue in East Boston for decades to come.

In 1914 the terrible epidemic of "Spanish flu" broke out worldwide. Many Italian emigrants died during it in Boston, due to crowded living quarters. Cardinal O'Connell suggested that the FMM open their home to receive orphans. During the epidemic the FMM helped to nurse the sick in the 3 cities of Boston, Woonsocket and Providence. In East Boston they took in almost 100 boys and girls who had lost their parents during the outbreak. When the epidemic subsided they kept the girls who formed the nucleus of **the orphanage founded in 1918**. By 1922 the FMM cared for 5 parishes, including St. Anthony of Somerville, St. Anthony of Revere, and Mt. Carmel of East Boston. In 1925 many teaching sisters came to the diocese, so the FMM discontinued some of their parish work, catechism, monitoring of the children's Mass and the parish sacristy. They continued to make altar breads for 8 or 9 parishes and to visit Italian families. In 1926, the FMM celebrated their 50th anniversary of foundation as an Institute. Statistics for East Boston showed that there were more than 40 little girls in the orphanage, a sodality with 50 children, a sewing course for 60 children, catechism in 3 parishes (for more than 2000 children), 800 meals distributed to the poor, and more than 800 visits to poor emigrant families. The Children of Mary numbered 700 children and young women.

During the 1930's FMM in East Boston sponsored a Mission Circle, a Junior Club, the Children of Mary, a Sacred Heart League, a group called Fidelis, and summer sewing classes. The Girls Scouts and Brownies were very active. In 1932 the Girl Scouts undertook missionary outreach: they sent stuffed animals and scrap books made from greeting cards to children's hospitals, and made thousands of holy pictures to give as prizes in parish catechism classes. Our Lady's Mission Circle was organized in 1933. Until the 1940's when the FMM moved to Brighton, MA, this group made almost 1000 Mass vestments and more than 1500 other liturgical articles. Some members did the sewing and others donated money to purchase the materials. A Layette Club was formed within the group, which sent about 150 complete baby layettes to poor maternity hospitals, especially in poor rural areas of the southern USA. They also made over a thousand blankets or quilts. A group of working girls met weekly to make children's dresses from remnants donated by a non-Catholic benefactor and they produced 12 – 15 dresses a week.

May 3, 1945 saw the solemn dedication of St. Clement's Church in Back Bay as a **Eucharistic Shrine of Perpetual Adoration for the Archdiocese**. Twenty-two FMM assured adoration from after morning Mass until 8 p.m. daily. The original plan was to have nocturnal adoration once a month. When the shrine opened 575 men were already enrolled for night adoration. By October 1945 the laity's response was so great that it was possible to have adoration all night long twice a week, Thursday night conducted by the laity who signed up as an hourly Guard of Honor and Tuesday nights by the Sisters themselves. In addition to this prayer ministry for the needs of the Church and the world, St. Clement's became a Juniorate or formation house for young Sisters who had made their first vows. Then it evolved into a House of Studies for FMM students, where they attended universities in the area and prepared theologically and professionally for future missionary work. Other important ministries at St. Clement's were the workroom, where altar linens and vestments were made, and the gift shop. Both had an outreach to serve local parishes and people, but also provided income to help support the Shrine and the Sisters.

In the 1970's, with a decrease in the number of Sisters, the FMM left the Shrine.

June 1949 – Opening of Our Lady of the Eucharist Convent – Brighton This was actually a transfer of the community from Orient Heights. In 1946 Archbishop Cushing announced his intention to launch diocesan appeals for a hospital for handicapped children, since poliomyelitis was increasing in the

United States. He wished to confide this work to the FMM. He sent 6 FMM from East Boston for Nurses' training at Holy Ghost Hospital; 2 to the Massachusetts School of Physiotherapy, and 1 to study X-ray and laboratory techniques so that they would be prepared beforehand for the new hospital he envisioned! The last 7 Sisters from O.L. of Good Help in Orient Heights moved to Brighton on **June 20, 1949**. In 1946 Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr. and his wife, Rose presented Archbishop Cushing with a check estimated at the time to be what would be needed to complete a 150 bed hospital. Subsequent gifts from the Archbishop enabled plans to go ahead. The first group of ill and convalescent children arrived on the **7th and 8th of September 1949** but the cornerstone was formally laid on **November 26, 1949, official opening date of the hospital. The hospital was named the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Memorial Hospital** in honor of the Kennedy son who had died in a 1944 plane crash during World War II. For the next few years the Kennedy family made other donations to the hospital amounting to almost \$950,000. In 1948, John F. Kennedy handed a check over to the FMM Superior at the time, saying that this work would have been very dear to his brother, and he recalled the baptismal robe made by the FMM of East Boston that many Kennedy children had worn! **In September 1953**, when the license for the Kennedy Memorial Hospital was renewed, the hospital was reclassified to offer special pediatric care for orthopedic, neurological and medical conditions. In subsequent years, the hospital opened a Social Service Department and began to offer outpatient rehabilitation therapy for handicapped children. It focused on active rehabilitation and comprehensive medical services. In 1956 it opened a fully accredited Medical Care Unit and also became a student-training center for various types of therapy. The FMM assured the provision of pastoral services as well to those children who, because of physical or mental difficulties, usually could not prepare for First Communion or Confirmation in their own parishes. At KMH, children could attend Mass in the chapel with crutches, wheelchairs, or stretchers. In addition, two Special Education schools, one for mentally normal children with physical handicaps, the other for mentally challenged children, with or without physical handicaps, enabled these exceptional children to progress as far as humanly possible within their limitations. The 52 FMM in Our Lady of the Eucharist Community which served the hospital exemplified the internationality to which FMM are committed. Of these sisters, 34 were American, 5 naturalized Americans, 4 Canadians, 2 Irish, 2 Italians, 2 Portuguese, and 1 each from France, China and Germany. With a diversification of donors for the ongoing support of the hospital, its official name was changed in 1989 to Franciscan Children's Hospital. The Kennedy Day School serving special needs children retains the recognition of the original benefactors. To avoid confusion with another great Children's Hospital in Boston, the name was again changed in recent years to **Franciscan Hospital for Children**. The hospital has continued to grow and diversify over the years. 1990 saw the first lay administrator. With a decrease in the number of Sisters, the community moved to a convent in Cambridge and left the convent building for the increasing need of the hospital for space. Today in 2008, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary continue to sponsor the Hospital and several serve on the Board of Directors. An FMM who serves as Vice-President for Mission Effectiveness now resides in O.L. of Hope Convent on Foster Street in Boston where the Cambridge community moved in 2005. Young women in the Pre-Novitiate Program live there as well as some FMM students and a sister who serves as Director of the Wellness Program at St. Anthony's Shrine on Arch Street.

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Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus 1909 . . . and to rejoice in God's presence SHCJ

Name of Community: Society of the Holy Child Jesus

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1909

Mission Statement:

"For this is our mission: to help others to believe
that God lives and acts in them and in our world,
and to rejoice in God's presence. "

Ministries: Education in the school and in the parish (St. Mary's, Melrose)

Significant Dates: In two years (2009), we will celebrate 100 years in the parish.

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Venerini Sisters 1909 MVP

Name of Community: Venerini Sisters

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate:

23 Edward Street
Worcester, MA 01605

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1909

At the beginning of the 20th Century, the work of Rosa Venerini which had so effectively continued for over 200 years in Italy would spread to the "New World" of America. The Venerini Sisters were called to the Archdiocese of Boston in the United States of America in 1909 and after much conscientious reflection and fervent prayer, Mother Albertina Keller, Mother General of the Institute, sent the first group of Sisters to respond to this call. The group included: Sr. Augusta Setaccioli, Sr. Debora Bolli, Sr. Rosa Vagni and Sr. Maria Fondi. Accompanied by Mother Keller and Sr. Teresa Mongini, the Sisters left Rome on November 10th 1909 for Naples where they would board the White Star Liner that would bring them to Boston.

They were met in Boston by the Rev. Mariano Milanese, the pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in **Lawrence**, Massachusetts who had requested the presence of the Venerini Sisters to serve the Italian immigrant population

of this area of the Merrimack Valley. They numbered some 15,000 and a week later, it seemed that the entire colony had come out to welcome the Sisters as an immense crowd gathered and lined the streets leading to the Church. Banners, a musical band, flowers and speeches provided a glorious "Hosanna" of welcome for these humble and courageous Sisters.

Language difficulties, inadequate facilities in the basement of the Church, overcrowding and other unforeseen difficulties made it impossible for the Sisters to begin a school for the children of this immigrant population, as they had hoped to do. Seeing that the parents of these children worked from early morning to evening in the woolen and textile mills of the city, the Sisters chose to dedicate themselves instead to providing a good Day Care Center for the children. *This was the first Day Care Center to be established in New England.* From the beginning, the Sisters held to the mandate of Rosa Venerini: "Il bene deve farsi bene.—The good that is done must be done well." In 1910, Sr. Adelaide Fanasca and Sr. Teresa DeNunzio joined the group. Preschool and kindergarten classes were conducted and religious values imparted as the little children who understood the Italian language were left in the care of the Sisters from six o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening.

Soon after, classes were begun to care for the young girls at the convent after school from 4 to 6 P.M., teaching them embroidery and other handwork. They were also learning to speak the Italian language correctly. Evening classes were organized for the adults also, to teach the Italian language to both men and women, as well as classes in embroidery, sewing and the like for women. As the people began to more fully appreciate the Sisters, they also began to attend Church services regularly. The Pastor asked the Sisters to extend their work of religious instruction to the children in the farming area outside of Lawrence, which they did despite the hardships involved. Many of the children were hearing for the first time about the existence of a loving God, about the immortality of the soul, and the eternal reward for those who love God and suffer here patiently. At Holy Rosary Parish, the Sisters started a children's choir and Children of Mary Sodality. They also established a vast Society of Altar Boys, which added much decorum to all liturgical services.

The original Day Nursery flourished so well that with the passing of years the Congregation was able to acquire a piece of property with a large house for the Sisters and space to later construct a modern and well-equipped school for kindergarten and nursery classes. This convent would later house in the elderly years of their life many of the Sisters who had come from Italy.

News of the wonderful works accomplished by the Venerini Sisters in Lawrence spread to other Italian Pastors in the New England area. Soon the Italian Pastor in Providence, Rhode Island was asking the Mother General to send Sisters to his parish of St. Anne, where the streets of this Italian section of the city were always filled with small children who had no supervision as their parents worked in the factories all day. The Sisters would once again provide for the children with Day Care, after school classes, summer school sessions and religious education. When the parish was later able to build its own school staffed by the Sisters of Mercy, the Venerini Sisters would add to their own long and busy days the teaching of Italian in the parish school. The call for Venerini Sisters in Italian parishes would also come from North Adams and Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Within ten years of their arrival in America, the Venerini Sisters sent here from Italy would be serving all of these parishes with the same zealous spirit, providing caring support of children and families, important religious education and instruction in other fields as well.

Twenty years later, having received new members from the Italian families of these American parishes, they would be able to extend their educational talents to teaching in the parochial and diocesan schools in New England and upper state New York regions. By 1941 the Congregation would establish its regional central house in Worcester, Massachusetts. Four years later, it would open there the first school of the Congregation in USA-Venerini Academy.

Religious of the Cenacle	1910	Boston (Brighton)	I saw the word "goodness" written on all things	RC
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Name of Community: Congregation of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate

Provincialate: 513 Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614;

Generalate: Mission Piazza Madonna del Cenacolo, 151-00136 Roma, Italia

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Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: October 11, 1910

Mission Statement: "We work for the transformation of the world by awakening and deepening faith with and for the people of our times." (Chapter 1996)

Ministries:

Retreats, especially for lay women of all walks of life; religious education, introducing methods and texts that emphasized integrating heart head and spirit in one's faith journey, not just simple memorization; providing spiritual companionship for those exploring their faith and instruction for those seeking to enter the Roman Catholic faith community.

Training catechists; welcoming special needs groups; providing an extensive lending library of religious books; offering lectures and programs by well-known leaders in spirituality and theology.

In the forefront of stimulating and supporting ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue and action; the charismatic movement; providing programs for youth and young adults; providing college chaplains.

As one woman said:

"We never dreamed there could be so much satisfaction, comfort and enlightenment as we have found in the spiritual world to which the Cenacle opportunities introduced us."

Significant Dates:

1918: Boston Cenacle begins work with the blind, from which came the current national Catholic Guild for the Blind.

1937 Boston Cenacle joins other USA Cenacles and others, to begin the Laywomen's Retreat Movement" a program to promote the then new idea of the importance of nourishing the spiritual life of laywomen from all walks of life throughout their lives.

1990: Cenacle Retreat House closes. The Cenacle sisters leave the Archdiocese to continue to minister in 6 other Archdioceses and 8 Dioceses in North America.

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Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center

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Religious of Christian Education	1910	Arlington	Serve the Lord joyfully and wholeheartedly	RCE
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A group of nuns exiled from France a few years before, the Religious of Christian Education, were received into the Diocese in 1913 by the kindness of His Eminence. As the schools which this congregation had conducted in France and England enjoyed an excellent reputation, he secured for them a beautiful site at Arlington Heights, with two spacious buildings (the former Robbins Spring Hotel), which were easily converted into a school and convent. Here, in September, 1913, the nuns opened a boarding school for girls, called Marycliff Academy.

[Robert Howard Lord, John E. Sexton, Edward T. Harrington.

History of the Archdiocese of Boston in the Various Stages of Its Development, 1604-1944.

(New York: Sheed and Ward, 1944), Vol. III, 573]

Name of Community: Religious of Christian Education

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1910

Mission Statement: Serve the Lord joyfully and wholeheartedly

Ministries: Teaching, Nursing, Religious Education, Working in the Missions

Significant Dates:

November 21

August 25

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Major Superior: Sister Cara Nagle, RCE

Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America (Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers)	1911	Where the compassion of the faithful transforms lives	MM
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Name of Community:

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (Official title: The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America) website: <http://home.maryknoll.org/maryknoll/>

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate:

near Ossining, NY (Address: PO Box 305, Maryknoll, NY 10545)

Mission Statement:

Maryknoll was established in 1911 as the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America by the Bishops of the United States. Responsibility for its development fell to two diocesan priests, Fr. James Anthony Walsh of Boston and Fr. Thomas Frederick Price of North Carolina, with the commission to recruit, send and support U.S. missionaries in areas around the world. On June 29, 1911, Pope Pius X blessed the founding of Maryknoll. Maryknoll's first missionaries left for China in 1918. Today there are over 475 Maryknoll priests and Brothers, proclaiming the Gospel *ad gentes*, serving in various countries around the world, principally in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

Maryknoll was founded in the Archdiocese of New York, but enjoys a long association with the Boston Archdiocese. One of our two co-founders, Bp. James A. Walsh, was born in Cambridge, and studied at Harvard and at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. He was ordained on May 20, 1892, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston and served as director of the Boston Archdiocese SPF (founding the mission-focused magazine The Field Afar in 1907) until the foundation of Maryknoll in 1911. Many other notable Maryknollers hail from the Boston Archdiocese, and Maryknoll operated novitiates at Hingham and Cambridge.

Ministries: Maryknoll is dedicated specifically to foreign missions, working at various ministries to that end.

Significant Dates:

Foundation, 6/29/1911; first departure for mission in China, 9/7/1918; death of co-founder, Fr. Thomas F. Price 9/12/1919; death of co-founder, Bp. James A. Walsh, 4/14/1936

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Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament	1914	Boston	Challenge the deeply rooted injustice in the world today	SBS
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Name of Community: Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (SBS)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1914

Mission Statement:

As Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament we believe God calls us to be a sign in the world of the power of the Eucharistic Christ to effect unity and community among all peoples.

Guided by the spirit of Katharine Drexel, we are called to share the gospel message with the poor, especially among the Black and Native American peoples and to challenge the deeply rooted injustice in the world today.

Ministries:

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From 1914 – 1981, the SBS were involved with religious instructions, retreats and days of recollection, census taking and home visiting, Red Cross and home nursing classes, assisting with social justice problems such as employment, etc., and working with the Blessed Sacrament Auxiliaries.

In 1989 the SBS returned to Boston, to St. Patrick's, devoting themselves primarily to evangelization within the African American Catholic community. Current ministries include evangelization, adult education (Notre Dame Education Center), RCIA, visitations to elderly, homebound, and other pastoral ministries.

Significant Dates:

- 1914-1922 St. Joseph's, 21 Worcester Square
- 1922-1934 St. Joseph's, 697 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA
- 1945 The first Catholic Colored Boy Scout Troop in Boston was at St. Joseph's
St. Joseph's Bugle and Drum Corps was called "Archbishop Cushing Cadets"
- 1934-1967 Blessed Sacrament Mission Center, Roxbury, MA
- 1967-1975 St. Paul's Parish, 9 Half-Moon St., Dorchester, MA
- 1975-1981 St. Paul's Parish, 16 Lingard St., Dorchester, MA
- 1981-1988 SBS Withdrew from Boston
- 1988 - SBS, St. Patrick Convent, 115 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Roxbury, MA

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Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

1921

GNSH

Name of Community: Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: August 1921

(separated from the Grey Nuns of the Cross, Ottawa, Canada)

Mission Statement:

We, the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, are dedicated to contemplating and incarnating Gospel values. As daughters of Marguerite D'Youville, Mother of Universal Charity, who was motivated by a consciousness of God as Eternal Father, we continue her mission: to be signs of God's constant and unconditional love for every person. We are an apostolic religious congregation in the Roman Catholic Church, striving to integrate our faith with our actions and to see each being and all of creation as gifts of God.

Our overriding concern is that the Gospel be proclaimed to all we serve, especially the poor and the needy of our world. We have a preferential love for the materially poor and demonstrate it in our life and works by

*living more simply;
working with the poor, sharing our love and abilities and being
enriched by their gifts;
educating ourselves and others to the responsibility in justice
to satisfy the needs of the poor;
acting upon unjust societal conditions.*

Aware of our rich heritage of responsiveness, we will continue to identify and address new societal needs, ever mindful of the neglected, rejected and uncared-for people of our world. We will collaborate with one another and with other groups and individuals to increase the influence of God's love within our world.

Rooted in the heart of Jesus, we accept the difficulties and sufferings, which are our share in the Cross, as opportunities to participate fully in the Paschal Mystery. Trusting in Divine Providence, we embrace a future empowered and enriched by God’s love.

Mission Statement, 1988

Vision Statement:

We are called to strengthen our interdependence with each other, the vulnerable and all of creation by living our legacy of universal compassion, promoting justice and nurturing all of life with reverence.

Vision Statement, 1999

Ministries: Education (in Archdiocese of Boston) – varied ministries in other geographical areas where we serve

Significant Dates:

1881 – Immaculate Conception Parish School, Lowell, MA opened by Oblates of Mary Immaculate and staffed by Grey Nuns of the Cross of Ottawa

1921-1978 – Immaculate Conception School staffed by Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

1978 - Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart withdrew from Parish School

1922 – Immaculate Conception Parish High School opened by Oblates of Mary Immaculate and staffed by Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

1936 – Immaculate Conception High School closed

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Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (Marist Missionary Sisters)	1922	Called to be missionary for the whole of our life	SMSM
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Name of Community: Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (Marist Missionary Sisters)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1922

The origins of the SMSM are found in the movement of French women who, between 1845 and 1860, sailed to islands of the South Pacific, and began working with the women in missions established by the Marist Fathers and Brothers. In 1922 a house was opened in Boston with a view to recruiting new members. Since canonical approval as a missionary congregation in 1931, the Sisters have expanded their missionary work to six continents and many islands.

Mission Statement:

We, the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary in the North American Province, members of an international congregation striving to live in the spirit of Mary, are challenged in our time to make visible the liberating message of the Gospel.

As Women in Mission, we live our life at the service of Evangelization as Mary did in the early Christian community.

As a province and in communities, we actively affirm, sustain and revitalize one another.

We are called to respond creatively today to the signs and needs of the times with the same faith-filled vision, daring and zeal that characterized our pioneer sisters in their lives and ministries.

Through this call, we strive to be bonds of communion among ourselves and among other peoples, religions and cultures both within and beyond our country.

Conscious of preparing others to take their own responsibilities, we are open to stay or leave according to the needs of evangelization.

In collaboration with others in working for the transformation of society, we hold as priorities the Gospel values of justice, peace and harmony with creation. .

We recognize that our mission experience is a valuable gift that we bring to the Church. We have a special responsibility to promote global awareness and solidarity in the Americas.

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We are called to be missionary for the whole of our life wherever we are assigned.

Ours is both gift and challenge to continue evolving in history the charism of our pioneer sisters in a global perspective.

Ministries:

Missionary work in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and USA.

Nursing:/ Nurses / Nurse Practitioner /

Counseling / Teaching/Administration / Parish Assistants

Vocation and Missionary Promotion / Chaplaincy / Retreat Work / Development / Missionary Cooperatives / Finance / Global Awareness Formation / Pastoral Ministries / Religious Education Teachers Communication / Skills for Life (Computer training)

ESL (English as a Second Language)/ Caregivers for Senior Sisters / Eucharistic Ministers / Hospice Assistance

Significant Dates for the North American Province:

1922 First community on Isabella St in Boston

1931 Pontifical approval of the congregation

1932 Novitiate established in, Bedford, MA

1947 Central House on Central St., Framingham,

1962 Central house moved to 62 Newton St., Waltham, MA

1964 Establishment of the North American Province, including the Regions of Jamaica, WI (1940) and Peru (1960) (Peru is now part of the America Latina Province)

1970 Maristhill Nursing home established in Waltham.

1970- expansion of missionary presence to other areas in USA

2006 75th Anniversary of the Approbation of our Congregation

2007 Establishment of a new mission in Tanzania

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Archivist: Sister Therese Deveau, smsm

Vocation Director: Sister Claire Rheaume, smsm

Society of the Divine Word 1922 Duxbury SVD

Name of Community: Divine Word Missionaries

Date of Foundation in Boston: 1922

The Society of the Divine Word, a congregation of German Origin devoted to foreign missions, in October, 1922, took over the fine estate called 'Miramar' at Duxbury." [Robert Howard Lord, John E. Sexton, Edward T. Harrington.

History of the Archdiocese of Boston in the Various Stages of Its Development, 1604 to 1943.
(New York: Sheed and Ward, 1944), Vol. III, 637.

Brief History:

St. Arnold Janssen, a German priest, founded the Society of the Divine Word. He created a missionary training center in Holland. Within four years, he sent the first Divine Word Missionaries to China, including St. Joseph Freinademetz, SVD.

In 1895 Brother Wendelin Meyer, SVD, was dispatched to the United States. Men began to join him in the Society's missionary endeavors, and in 1897 they settled on a farm north of Chicago. By 1909, the Society established the first seminary in the United States whose mission was the training of candidates for the priesthood and brotherhood for service in the foreign missions.

Today, the Society of the Divine Word is composed of more than 6,000 men who serve where the Gospel has not been preached at all or where a local church is not yet viable, in more than 65 countries around the world. The mission of the Society of the Divine Word is to carry out Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all

nations, through pastoral and sacramental ministry, teaching and working among those in need.

Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother	1926	Cambridge	His arms are never folded; they are always outstretched, as if to say, "Come to me."	CJC
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Name of Community: Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother (AKA Sisters of Jesus Crucified - using initials CJC)

Founder: Founded by Rev. Alphonsus Maria Urbanavicius, C.P., the congregation received approbation by Rome on January 21, 1924 for the founding of the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother with the CJC Motherhouse established in Elmhurst, Pennsylvania.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: The sisters had been serving in the archdiocese since 1926. On July 11, 1945 the Sisters of Jesus Crucified relocated their Motherhouse to Brockton, Massachusetts, at the invitation of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

Mission Statement:

We, the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, united to the Church, **commit** ourselves to the poor through healthcare and education.

We **seek** to extend the compassion of Jesus Crucified by working toward justice and assuming responsible stewardship.

We **act** from belief in **Core Values:**

Hospitality—welcome all in the name of Jesus; open our hearts and homes in the spirit of our founder Father Alphonsus

Compassion—alleviate suffering ; concern for the poor and marginalized

Respect—uphold the dignity of life for all; affirm the giftedness of each person

Stewardship—conservation of resources; share our talents and material goods

Ministries:

The CJC sisters staffed nursing homes and ministered to the poor, aged and sick

The CJC sisters engaged in the apostolate of education, usually in parochial schools.

"The greatest apostolic endeavor of the members culminates in the challenge to witness Jesus Crucified, the love of God made visible, as they minister to the poor, the aged, the sick, and those confided to their care in education." CJC Constitution p. 17

Significant dates:

As health care staff, CJC members have served in the Boston archdiocese in these areas:

- 1948-1965 Men's Rest Home and Women's Rest Home, Brockton
- 1965 to present St. Joseph Manor Health Care, Inc., 215 Thatcher Street, Brockton
- 1993 to present Mater Dei Adult Day Health, Brockton
- 1994-1998 St. Joseph Nursing Care Center, Dorchester
- 2002 to present Brockton Visiting Nurses Association, Brockton

As educators, CJC members have served in the Boston archdiocese in these locations:

- 1926-1970 Immaculate Conception Lithuanian Parish and School, Cambridge
- 1935-2004 St. Peter Lithuanian Parish and School, South Boston
- 1944-2005 St. Rocco/St. Casimir Parish and School, Brockton
- 1956-1986 St. George Parish, Norwood
- 1956-1979 St. Francis Parish and School, Lawrence
- 1961-1971 Mater Dei Academy High School, Brockton
- 1971-1987 Mater Dei Kindergarten, Brockton
- 1989-1996 St. Peter School, Dorchester

CJC members have participated in many local services and programs as the need arises.

- 1945 to present Days of Retreat and prayer services available to individuals and groups.
- 1945 to present Sisters volunteer in various area outreach works.
- 1945-1993 The Labor Day Picnic was held annually on the convent grounds and became the

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major fundraiser for the sisters' apostolic works.
1991 to present Collecting and storing goods gathered for shipment to the needy people of Lithuania.

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Society of Jesus (New England Province) 1926 Finding God in all things SJ

Name of Community: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1926 -- New England Province founded

Mission Statement:

We are a religious order of Roman Catholic priests and brothers who follow the spiritual tradition of Saint Ignatius Loyola. We are men who try to discern the promptings of the Spirit and read the signs of the times in order to better serve the church. Ours is a faith that works for justice. Therefore, we engage in various spiritual, pastoral, social, educational, and missionary ministries. We operate educational institutions, from middle schools to universities, locally and overseas. We serve in parishes and are chaplains in hospitals, prisons, and the military. We provide spiritual ministries such as giving retreats and offering spiritual direction.

Our Vision

Based on the spirituality of our founder, St. Ignatius Loyola, we are motivated by a desire for all people to experience the joy of life as God intends for us. This desire comes out of the belief that God is present in all things. God reveals divine love to us in and through all of creation, and especially through the goodness of human persons. Most specifically God's love is made manifest and effective in the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

The dignity of every person requires that each individual and every ethnic and social grouping be treated with respect and justice throughout their pilgrimage on this planet. We see Christian faith as inseparable from God's justice, which has a special concern for the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and all who are deprived of a voice in society. We believe that love is expressed more fully in deeds than in words.

Current Ministries in the Archdiocese:

Boston College, Chestnut Hill
Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge
Center for Religious Development, Cambridge
Boston College High School, Dorchester
Nativity School, Jamaica Plain
St. Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill
St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Roxbury
Eastern Point Retreat House, Gloucester

Campion Retreat and Renewal Center, Weston
Campion Health Center, Weston
Hospital Chaplains: Brigham & Women's Hospital
Tufts New England Medical Center
VA and Elliot Hospitals
Professors of Theology: Blessed John XXIII Seminary, Weston
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge
Professors of Psychiatry: Harvard Medical School, Cambridge/Boston
Staff Physician: Adult AIDS Program, Boston Medical Center
Staff Members: Chancery, Archdiocese of Boston
Chaplain: Little Sisters of the Poor, Somerville
Chaplain: MCI Concord
Metro Law Center, Canton
Jesuit Volunteer Corps East

Significant Dates:

1611 – First Jesuits explore New England
1613 – First mission founded in Maine
1724 – Fr. Sebastian Rasle killed defending his parish in Maine during colonial wars between British and French.
1825 – Jesuit Fr. Benedict Joseph Fenwick becomes second Bishop of Boston.
1843 – Bishop Fenwick founds College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.
1863 – Boston College, Boston College High School and Immaculate Conception Church founded in Boston's South End.
1922 – Weston College of the Holy Spirit, Weston, MA, opens as philosophy (and later theology) seminary for Jesuits.
1923 – Former Carnegie estate "Shadowbrook" in Lenox, MA, becomes Jesuit novitiate and college seminary.
1926 – The New England Province created, consisting of 492 Jesuits, with headquarters in Boston, making New England independent of the Maryland-New York Province.
1942 – New England Province founds Fairfield University and Prep in Fairfield, CT.
1956 – Shadowbrook burns to the ground, killing three Jesuit priests and one Jesuit Brother.
1958 – Eastern Point Retreat opens in Gloucester.
1959 – New Shadowbrook opens in Lenox.
1962 – Jesuits assume responsibility for Xavier High School, Concord MA.
1968 – Number of New England Jesuits peaks at 1128.
1969 – Weston School of Theology moves from Weston to Cambridge.
1969 – Novitiate moves from Shadowbrook to Weston.
1970 – Novitiate moves from Weston to Newbury Street, Boston.
1975 – Campion Residence and Renewal Center opened in the original Weston College building, Weston, MA, for care of retired Jesuits and for retreat ministry.
1988 – Novitiate moves from Boston to Jamaica Plain.
1991 – Jesuit Urban Center opens in Church of the Immaculate Conception.
2003 – Novitiate closes. Novices join novitiate for Maryland & New York Provinces.
2004 – Provincial Offices move from Boston to Watertown.
2007 – Jesuit Urban Center closes.
2007 – New England Jesuits number 332.

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Bernardine Franciscan Sisters	1928	Trusting in Divine Providence, we journey in faith and joy, sister and servant to all.	OSF
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Name of the Community: The Bernardine Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis aka Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters assumed charge of the Little Flower Home in Hyde Park, Massachusetts on January 3, 1928.

Mission Statement:

We, the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, are called by God to live the Gospel in the spirit of Francis of Assisi and Mother Veronica Grzedowska. As vowed women of the Church we choose to live simply and poorly. Rooted in contemplative prayer and committed to ongoing conversion, we strive to create communities of love and service wherever we are.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, we reach out in compassionate love, recognizing the dignity and giftedness of each person. We welcome all as brother and sister. Faithful to the Church and to our charism, we seek justice, peace and reconciliation, especially as we work with and in behalf of the poor. Trusting in Divine Providence, we journey in faith and joy, sister and servant to all.

Date of composition/approval- July 1988

Ministries: Care of orphans, elementary education, and daycare

Significant Dates:

An extension to the Little Flower Home was opened in Franklin, MA in **1944**. It was known as Holy Child Orphanage and accommodated the below school-age children.

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Memorial School opened on the grounds of the Little Flower Home in **1956**.

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Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 1942 Brookline OCD

Name of Community: Discalced Carmelite Friars, Washington Province--Immaculate Heart of Mary Province

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: Brookline November 6, 1942;
transferred to Brighton - October 26, 1989

Mission Statement:

We, the members of the Order of the Discalced Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, are a religious community dwelling among the people of God in the Eastern/Mid-western United States. In response to God's gracious call, we support and encourage one another through affirmation and love. Committed to a life of intimate friendship with Christ, we proclaim his Gospel through prayer, common worship, simplicity of life and through sharing of the Word and ministry to all. We are dedicated to serving the people of God according to the spirit of our Teresian charism by fostering a deeper awareness of his active presence in their lives. We are brothers to all within the Discalced Carmelite family, to all who seek God with a sincere heart and indeed to the whole human family.

Ministries:

Weekend Parochial Assistance
Secular (laity) Order Groups
Carmelite Nuns' Convent Chaplaincy

Significant Dates:

June 5, 1947 - Founding of the Immaculate Heart of Mary-Washington Province (Canonical date of foundation and independence from the mother province)

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1944-1970

Bishop: Richard James Cushing (1944-1970)

Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette 1945 Ipswich To bear witness . . . to the Gospel's power MS

Name of Community: Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

1945--Purchased property in Ipswich, MA and opened a Seminary and a Shrine

Mission Statement:

We are devoted servants of Christ and of the Church for the fulfillment of the mystery of reconciliation, in the light of the Apparition of Our Lady of La Salette. May fidelity to the message of Our Lady of La Salette inspire the members to live the profoundly evangelical value of prayer, penance and zeal so that, by the witness of their lives as well as by their words, hearts may be opened to the Good News which it is their mission to make known to all.

Ministries:

Province leadership, Catholic college professor, parish music ministry, Chief of Chaplain Service at Boston's VA

Significant Dates:

1852 Foundation in Grenoble, France

1892 Arrival in North America

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Major Superior: Rev. Joseph G. Bachand, M.S.

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Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity 1945 Cambridge To glorify the Triune God MSBT

Name of Community: Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

Our congregation's connection to the Archdiocese goes deeper than serving there. Our founder, Rev. Thomas A. Judge, CM, was born and raised in South Boston in St. Augustine's Parish. It was at a Vincentian mission in his parish that he was inspired to enter the Congregation of the Missions in Germantown, PA where he was ordained in 1899. After his ordination, due to poor health, he returned to Boston where he resided at home for several months recuperating.

Date of Foundation in Boston: Our first mission there was a Settlement House in Cambridge, in 1945.

Mission Statement: Taken from the words of our Rule of Life which we share with the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity (priests and brothers.)

By our lives as Missionary Servants we seek first *to glorify the Triune God. We follow in the footsteps of the apostles* who, filled with the Holy Spirit, went forth from the Cenacle *to spread everywhere the knowledge and love of Jesus.* We live and work *that God's name may be hallowed, that his kingdom come, that his holy will be done* (Mt 6:9-10).

The *missionary thought, the missionary idea, the missionary spirit should be dominant in our Missionary Cenacles.* We meet the pressing needs of our day by undertaking works that the Church wants, that are good and necessary and that have a note of abandonment about them. In all our apostolic commitments, we recognize the authority of the bishops and their special role as signs of unity and as pastors in the local churches.

Our apostolic mission is expressed through ministries of Christian Formation, Education, Health Services, Pastoral Ministry, Intra-community Services and Social Work.

Our specific mission is the preservation of the faith in those areas and among those people who are spiritually neglected and abandoned, especially the poor. Our chief effort is to develop a missionary spirit in the laity, with the goal that every Catholic be an apostle.

For us, "preservation of the faith" means awakening and strengthening faith among those who have a Catholic heritage and are in danger of losing it, and making the Church effectively present where it is weak or misunderstood. It involves confessing the truths of our faith; demonstrating Christianity in action by providing human services to the needy and working for peace and justice; collaborating with others to bring about Christian unity; and fostering faith among all who seek reasons for living and hoping.

Ministries in the Archdiocese of Boston:

We served in the Archdiocese of Boston since 1945 in a variety of ministries:

Settlement House - Croagh Patrick 1945-1976

Social Services

 Brighton 1980-1984

 Lowell 1976-2001

 Westwood 1976-1981

Religious Education in Billerica, Lawrence, Lowell, Waltham, Weston and Winchester, Plymouth,

Pastoral Care Waltham 1995 until the present

Hispanic Ministry Roxbury 1986 until the present

Campus Ministry Lowell 1990 - 1994

Retreat Ministry Norwood 1951 - 1976

Religious Formation House Norwood 1951 - 1968

Significant Dates:

1912 Foundation of the Congregation

1932 Canonical Approval

1958 Pontifical Approbation

1986 Common Rule of Life (with the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity) approved

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Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle 1945 Boston Giving the Word a voice CSP

Name of Community: Missionary Society of Saint Paul the Apostle (The Paulist Fathers)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1945

Mission statement:

The Paulist Fathers are a community of missionaries, who dedicate their lives to explaining the Catholic Church to North America, and North America to the Church.

Our founder, Isaac Thomas Hecker, was a seeker of religious truth. He was guided by the Holy Spirit and lived his life believing that the union of the Catholic Church with our North American civilization would lead us to “a future far brighter than any past.”

Like Hecker, we who are his brothers and sons, seekers all, intend to achieve that future by preaching God’s word unceasingly in pulpits, in the amazing media that are available to us including radio, television, print, and the web. Wherever Paulists and their collaborators exist, we will give the Word a voice. We search out those who have no Church home, and welcome home those who no longer walk the Way with us as they once did.

Even as we preach and teach the life of Jesus, and witness through the Catholic Church to that life, we recognize the importance of giving clearer expression to our unity with other Christians. We extend the hand of friendship to people of other faiths with whom we seek mutual respect and collaboration in the hope that religion ultimately will unite whatever lies apart.

Too often religion as it is practiced hurts people. As Paulists we believe that those who are hurt by previous encounters with religious figures, the Church, or life’s pains need to see Jesus as he is. We welcome those who hurt and extend our arms to those in pain so that they can feel the embrace of God’s love.

Because North America has always been populated by both native peoples, immigrants by choice and slaves, the nature of our lives together forces us to continually ask: what is just? As Paulists we can only preach the gospel when we recognize that the gospel demands that all people must be treated justly. We stand with those who demand that equals be treated equally and that all be treated justly because all are children of the one God and together bear the common bond of humanity.

Because we remain deeply dedicated to the vision of Isaac Hecker, we Paulists and all those who join us in mission and spirit promise to follow God’s Holy Spirit across North America while preaching the Gospel. We can do no less as we continue to be rekindled by the fire of the Spirit in North America.

Ministries:

Paulist Center at 5 Park Street

Previously we were at: Saint Ann’s in the Back Bay; various Newman Clubs such as Northeastern University, Boston University; Tufts University; MIT, and Brandeis University

Significant Dates:

The opening of the Catholic Information Center in 1945; it is now the Paulist Center

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Salesians of Don Bosco	1945	SDB
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Community: Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1945

Mission Statement:

The Salesians of Don Bosco are an international community of consecrated religious, priests and brothers who evangelize and educate young people, especially those who are poorer, and who animate collaborators--lay, religious, and clergy--to share in this mission of the Church.

Ministries in Boston:

Salesian Boys and Girls Club, East Boston, since 1945
 Don Bosco Technical High School, East Boston, 1946-1955, and downtown Boston, 1955-1998
 Dominic Savio HS, East Boston, 1955-1993

Significant Dates:

July 24, 1996: Fr. Emilio Allué, SDB, named an auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese; ordained bishop at Holy Cross Cathedral, Sept. 17, 1996

Contact Information:

Major Superior: The Very Rev. James Heuser, SDB

Vocation Directors:

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 Rev. Franco Pinto, SDB (e-mail frfranco@hotmail.com)

Coordinator for Province Communications: Rev. Michael Mendl, SDB

Sisters of St. Joan of Arc	1945	Boston	SJA
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Name of Community: Sisters of Saint Joan of Arc

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 8 September 1950

Ministry:

Archbishop's House, Boston (1945)
 Chancery Building, Boston (1946)
 Saint Peter and Paul Rectory, South Boston (1950)

Mission Statement:

The life of a Sister of St. Joan of Arc is one totally committed to God in the service of His Priests. She collaborates in the Apostolate of the Priest, by offering her prayers and labors for Priests throughout the world.

In this way, the Sister of St. Joan of Arc becomes a precious helper to the Clergy. Being relieved of domestic pre-occupations, he is able to give more fully of himself, and is sustained in his ministry, by the Sisters' prayer-life and dedicated service. In this way, the sister contributes her share of love and concern for souls.

Date of departure: February 1973

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Sister Pauline Talbot, s.j.a.
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Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God	1945	Boston	Hospitality welcomes the stranger as neighbor.	OH
African Mission Fathers	1946	Dedham	Struggling for justice and peace	SMA

SMA American Province Historical Timeline Our Story at a Glance

- 1890s SMA presence established in America by Fr. Ignatius Lissner, SMA (1867-1948), a French-born priest who came to North America to raise funds for SMAs African missions, but stayed to create USA missions.
- 1907-1914 Fr. Lissner and fellow SMAs from Europe establish missions in Georgia
- 1916 Fr. Lissner establishes the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, an order of black nuns founded to staff the SMA parish schools.
- 1920s SMA expands into Illinois, Arizona, Los Angeles and New Jersey.
- 1921 The province acquires property in Tenafly, New Jersey to open a seminary. A major benefactor was Mother Katherine Drexel, who was canonized in October 2000.
 St. Anthony's Mission House is opened in November. It is the only racially integrated seminary in the United States at the time and the only one to accept black candidates for the priesthood.
- 1923 On June 13, Fr. Joseph John is the first black seminarian from St Anthony's Mission House to be ordained to the priesthood.
- 1926 St. Anthony's Mission House closes as result of racial tensions.
- 1939 SMA opens Queen of Apostles Seminary in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- 1943 The SMA major seminary is moved to Washington, D.C. when a fire destroys the Maryland location.
- 1941 The American Province is officially established on March 7, with Fr. Lissner as the first Provincial Superior and Tenafly as Provincial Headquarters
- 1946 SMA establishes a college-level minor seminary also named Queen of Apostles Seminary in Dedham, Massachusetts
- 1948 Fr. Ignatius Lissner dies on August 7 and is buried in the SMA section of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Tenafly.
 The first missionaries of the American Province are sent to Africa (Liberia) in December.
- 1961 Fr. Nicholas Grimley of the American Province is ordained bishop and designated Vicar-Apostolic of the newly designated Vicariate of Cape Palmas in Liberia.
- 1965 Archbishop Thomas A Boland of Newark dedicates the newly built Provincial House in Tenafly on May 20.
- 1967 This year begins the period in which SMA transforms its seminaries into Houses of Studies and residences for seminarians who attend their classes in nearby local institutions in the Washington, D.C. and Dedham areas.
- 1970s The independent local Church in Liberia becomes a reality with the ordination and appointment of indigenous hierarchy.
- 1979 SMA assumes administration of Queen of Angels Parish in Newark, New Jersey. Located in an historic building, the parish was the first established (1926) for blacks in the Archdiocese of Newark.
- 1980 A permanent African Art Museum opens at Provincial Headquarters.
- 1981 A Catholic FM radio station jointly sponsored by SMAs of the American and Irish provinces goes on the air in Liberia.
- 1980s A Media Department and Mission Education Department are added to the Provincial Headquarters. (Mission Ed closed in 1997).

1944-1970

- 1983 SMA establishes a Department of Social Concerns to help Americans understand the potential and the difficulties faced by African peoples.
- 1983 SMA joins a coalition with members of other religious congregations that serve in Africa to form the Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN)
- 1986 Fr. Ted Hayden SMA is called before a Joint Congressional Hearing of the Sub-Committees on Human Rights and Africa to testify on human rights violations in Liberia.
- 1987 The SMA Formation Center is established in Takoma Park, Maryland.
- 1988 Fr. James Hickey, SMA is jailed and deported to America for outspoken criticism of human rights abuses by the Liberian government.
- 1988 The American Province accepts Ms. Theresa Hicks as the first layperson and first female to become a permanent associate of SMA.
- 1989 The Provincial Assembly formally establishes its Lay Missionary program.
- 1989 Civil war breaks out in Liberia on Christmas Eve. SMA missionaries work among the victims and the refugees who fled to Ivory Coast during what would be a seven-year conflict and its uneasy aftermath.
- 1990 The Office of Justice, Peace, and Environmental Care is established.
- 1991 The American Province observes its Golden Jubilee.
- 1992 His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, who presided in the opening ceremony, dedicates the SMA African Cultural Center in Dedham.
- 2001 Queen of Angels Church in Newark, New Jersey celebrates its 75th anniversary. SMA has administered the oldest black parish in the Archdiocese of Newark, the church since 1979.

Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours	1946	Help people to wholeness	CBS
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Name of Community: *Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours, USA*

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate: *1525 Marriottsville Road
Marriottsville, Maryland 21104
410.442.1333*

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: *1946 September 24*

Mission Statement

*Through the love of God present in the Sisters of Bon Secours,
we are called by God and sent by the Church to help people to wholeness;
to alleviate human suffering of all forms, especially in the poor and dying;
to help others to an awareness of the redemptive meaning of suffering and death
- and to an awareness of their relationship with God by
...reproducing in ourselves*

Christ healing...Christ consoling...Christ loving...Christ always aware of the needs of others.

Ministries:

Nursing and social services in the homes of the sick and poor, in our hospital, and in the Archdiocesan home for aged and infirm priests.

Significant Dates:

1946-1988 Home nursing in the area of Greater Lawrence, MA.

1950-1988 Bon Secours Hospital, Methuen, MA.

1964-1979 Regina Cleri, staffed by the Sisters of Bon Secours, USA.

Contact Information

Major Superior – *Alice M. Talone, CBS*

Archivist – *Mary L. Shimo, CBS*

Vocation Director – *Patricia A. Dowling, CBS*

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Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart

1946

Boston

**Touching hearts . . .
changing lives**

MHSH

Name of Community: Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1946

Mission Statement:

We, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart are called by God to be Missioners.
We are women religious sent by the Church to proclaim God's word and love
as revealed in the heart of Christ.

Ministries:

Census ministry/home visitation;
Parish and Archdiocesan Catechetical ministry;
Deaf and hearing-impaired ministry;
Spanish Speaking apostolate;
Pastoral care in hospitals

Significant Dates:

Founded in Baltimore, MD in 1890
1996 Celebration of 50 years in Boston

Contact Information

Major Superior: Sister Loretta Cornell, MHSH
Archivist: Sister Barbara Wills, MHSH
Vocation Director: Sister Onellys Villegas, MHSH

Sisters of Divine Providence

1946

Duxbury

Making God's Providence visible

CDP

Name of Community: Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston

1946 as a mission of the St. Peter Province in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 1957 as a new Province of the Congregation.

Mission Statement: *Marie de la Roche Province*

We, the Congregation of Divine Providence, impelled by the Spirit of Jesus, commit ourselves to co-create a world of compassion, justice and peace.

Guided by the legacy of Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler and Marie de la Roche, we nurture in ourselves and in others a trust and confidence in God's faithful presence.

We further commit ourselves to making God's Providence more visible in our world.

Ministries: (in the Archdiocese of Boston)

1946 – Food Service for Divine Word Missionaries' Seminary at Miramar in Duxbury

1947 – Camp Mishannock – summer camp for girls opened in Kingston

1948 – St. John Parish, in Chelmsford – Kindergarten and CCD

1948 – Mishannock Alpha (Kindergarten) opened in Kingston

1949 – Sacred Heart Elementary School opened in Plymouth

1940's & 1950's – Began CCD and other services in several South Shore Parishes

1951 – Sisters provided food service and secretarial work at the new Cardinal O'Connell Seminary in Jamaica Plain until it closed

1953 – Because of the growth of Sacred Heart School, a new building was erected in Kingston, housing the elementary school and eventually becoming Sacred Heart High School. The Kindergarten remained in Plymouth.

1959 – The Sisters were invited to staff St. Francis Xavier School in S. Weymouth

1961 – The Sisters were invited to staff St. Bridget School in Abington

1962 – A separate school was built in Kingston to accommodate Sacred Heart students from Grade One to Grade 6.

1974 – Sacred Heart Pre-Primary moved to former Novitiate building in Kingston

1977 – Visitation Convent opened in Kingston as a Formation House and Center for Spiritual Renewal Programs.

2007 – Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center opened a new building on the grounds of Sacred Heart Elementary School. This center houses Pre-School, Kindergarten, and After-School Care.

Significant Dates:

1851 - The Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence was founded in Mainz, Germany by Bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, a champion of the worker and of social justice. In his famous encyclical "Rerum Novarum," Pope Leo XIII credited Bishop Ketteler as his teacher.

1876 – The Congregation came to the United States and settled in western Pennsylvania.

1946 – Sisters of Divine Providence came to the Boston Archdiocese to minister at Miramar's Divine Word Seminary

1957 – The Province of Our Lady was established in Kingston, Massachusetts

1958 – A Novitiate building was erected in Kingston and welcomed many postulants and novices through the 60's and early 70's

1977 – Visitation Convent opened in Kingston as a Formation House and Center for Spirituality Programs.

1980 – *Divine Providence Associates* began.

2001 – The Sisters in Kingston joined with their Sisters in Pittsburgh, PA, St. Louis, MO, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic to form a new Province named for their First General Superior and Co-Founder Marie de la Roche.

Contact Information:

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Xaverian Missionaries	1946	Holliston	Make of the world a single family	SX
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Name of Community: Xaverian Missionaries (or St Francis Xavier Mission Society)

Provinciate: 12 Helene Ct, Wayne, N.J. 07470 - Diocese of Paterson

Mission Statement:

As Xaverians, we believe that we personally and communally share the charismatic gift given by the Holy Spirit to Guido M. Conforti. His life and Mission, and our life and mission as well, were to be a "humble contribution toward the realization of Christ's prophetic vision, the creation of single Christian family which embraces all peoples." Our Founder directed us for the Evangelization of non-Christians, living out our Charism in a religious community. (Const. #1, XIII; Gen. Chapt. #14, 22)

We, Xaverian Missionaries in the USA,

Called by our God,

Impelled by the Love of Christ,

Led by a living faith in the Spirit present in us and in all peoples,

Inspired by the life and missionary charism of our Father and Founder, Blessed Guido M. Conforti,

and Enriched by all those we serve,

Commit ourselves to proclaiming God's Reign and its Justice by:

Evangelizing and being evangelized by the non-Christians, the poor and marginalized,

Offering our contribution to the local Church in its missionary task, and mutually empowering and fostering collaboration among all those in mission;

Witnessing to the Good News by living and doing mission service in community,

Inviting and preparing new members for mission.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

Permission to establish a house in the archdiocese of Boston was granted on February 16th, **1946**, and

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property at 101 Summer St, Holliston, MA 01746, was purchased on September 12, 1946. It was our first foundation in the States. Our Founding Father in America was Rev, J. Henry Frassinetti, s.x. a veteran from our China Missions.

Ministries:

Two Fathers assigned to our first foundation initially provided preached Missions in Italian Parishes in New England and New York. Other members busied themselves to make contacts for the opening of a formation house for students. One of our men provided weekly Italian classes to the seminarians of St John's Seminary for a few years.

Vocation work consisted in ads in the Pilot, and participation in Mission oriented programs and vocation programs in the Archdiocese of Boston and in other dioceses of New England. Today, this Mission Education/Vocation work extends to all of the USA, especially along the east coast and the Midwest.

Mission appeals are preached throughout New England and other dioceses.

Supply ministry is provided to the nearby parishes in Boston and neighboring parishes in the Worcester diocese.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, built by October 30th 1949, has since been a center of Pilgrimage and Mission awareness for people of different ages and ethnic background.

Since December 1964, the Shrine's Christmas Light Display has attracted many visitors and pilgrims.

A Minor Seminary program was directed in Holliston from 1958. Cardinal Cushing blessed a new Minor Seminary building on September 24, 1964, which functioned until 1972.

The Holliston Mission House has provided Formation and opportunity for continued University studies for dozens of Xaverians subsequently assigned to overseas missions.

Significant dates:

September 14th, 1947 - Dedication day, with the presence of Archbishop Cushing.

May 6th 1948 - First Xaverian Ordination in the USA: Fr. Angelo Frosi was ordained in Holy Cross Cathedral by Archbishop Cushing. In 1968, Fr. Frosi was made bishop of the Diocese of Abaetetuba, in the Brazilian Amazon.

Our students attended St. John's Seminary from 1947-1952.

September 1952 - 1968: We had a Novitiate House in Petersham, MA- Worcester diocese.

June 8, 1957 - Ordination of Fr. Robert S. Maloney, first American, from Lawrence, MA.

1957 - The opening of a Theology Residence in Franklin, WI, (Milwaukee).

From the very beginning of our USA foundation, our Theology Community has been 'international', consisting of students coming from different countries and missions. 1962 - Ground-breaking for Minor Seminary in Holliston, being present Card. Agagianian, Prefect of the Propagation of the Faith, and Fr. John Bonardi, a Boston-born Xaverian and one of the earliest members of the community in Europe.

1963-83 - We had a Mission Procure in San Jose, CA.

1967 - The opening of our Provincialate in Wayne, N.J.

1973 - Our theology students were transferred from Milwaukee, WI to the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago, IL

Aug. 1976 - Blessing of the Fatima Shrine Church.

Dec. 3, 1995 - The Hundredth Anniversary of the Xaverian Congregation worldwide.

March 17, 1996 - Beatification of our Founder, Bishop Guido M. Conforti.

50th Anniversary of the MA Foundation in 1997.

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Congregation of Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception	1947	Boston	Bring the loving and healing presence of Christ into our world	DM
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Name of Community: Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

September 2, 1947 Establishment of Our Lady's Guild House, 20 Charlesgate West, Boston, MA 02138

1948 Founding of NEW Sancta Maria Hospital (formerly Charlesgate Hospital, 350 Memorial Drive Cambridge, MA 02138)

1962 Nursing Facility at Cardinal Cushing Villa, Gloucester MA, 1980 SOLD Cardinal Cushing Villa March 25, **1968** Dedication of NEW Sancta Maria Hospital, 799 Concord Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138

1989 Sancta Maria Hospital, an acute care facility – converted to Sancta Maria Nursing Facility – a long term care facility

Mission Statement:

We, the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception declare our Mission is:
To bring the loving and healing presence of Christ into our world
with the gentle courage and faithful commitment of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ministries: Education – Health Care – Social Services

Significant Dates:

1904 Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception founded by the Right Reverend Monsignor Lucyan Bojnowski in New Britain, Connecticut

1998 50th Anniversary of Sancta Maria Hospital

2004 100th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception
September **2007** – 60th Anniversary of Our Lady's Guild House

Contact Information

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Archivist:

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Vocation Director:

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Daughters of Clare of Assisi (Poor Clares)	1947	Lowell	Fix your heart on the image of the Divine Substance.	OSC
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Name of Community: Poor Clares of Andover, Massachusetts

Vision:

As a Poor Clare, St. Clare Challenges me:
"to love Jesus totally"
"to love the Word of God"
"to be faithful to my vows"
"to be poor and zealous for Holy Poverty"
"to be rooted in time and in this place" "to be 'sister' to my sisters"
"Fix your heart on the image of the divine Substance." Saint Clare
"Hold fast to the words, the life, the teaching and the holy Gospel of Christ." Saint Francis

The Poor Clares are an autonomous, enclosed contemplative community living the Gospel life according to the Rule of St. Clare of Assisi. The monastery is located in the **Merrimack Valley** on a gently rolling hill, a spot affectionately called, "Franciscan Knoll". The Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province at the Franciscan Center are our neighbors and our brothers in much the same way that the communities of St. Clare and St. Francis were in Assisi over 785 years ago.

The Poor Clares in Andover find their inspiration and example in the life of St. Clare and her sisters. They can trace their family tree back to the community Clare established at San Damiano in 1212 just outside the walls of Assisi.

In 1233 sisters from the Assisi community went to Rome to establish Sts. Cosmas and Damian Monastery. Sisters from Sts Cosmas and Damian established the San Lorenzo Monastery in Rome where Magdalen Bentivoglio entered in 1864.

On August 12, 1875, at the request of Pope Pius IX and Mother Ignatius Hayes, Mother Magdalen Bentivoglio and her sister, Mother Constance, left the San Lorenzo Monastery to bring the Poor Clare "Form of Life" to the United States. After several attempts, the first permanent community of Poor Clares in the United States took root in Omaha, Nebraska in 1878. From Omaha the sisters established a second community in Evansville, Indiana in 1897. Mother Magdalen laid the foundation for the third community in Boston, which began in 1906.

In **1947**, sisters from the Jamaica Plain (Boston) community established the present community in Lowell, in a temporary monastery on Westford Street. In **1960**, the community moved to River Road in Andover, about seven miles from the first location. Then in **2001**, the community moved to the present monastery at 445 River Road in **Andover**.

FORM OF LIFE of Saint Clare

live the Gospel; be formed by Jesus;
live "in obedience, without anything of one's own, in chastity";
live as sisters, in love, peace, joy, wonder, harmony, humility, simplicity;
live totally open, dependent on God.

A Poor Clare **vocation** begins with an individual response to the love of Jesus, and is lived out in community. Saint Clare saw our vocation as a gift from God, for which we owe the greatest thanks. Each day we strive to grow and live in deeper relationship with God and each other. These are two of the distinguishing characteristics of Poor Clare life: contemplation and community.

Clare's desire to live in "highest poverty and holy union" with her sisters, and loving Jesus in total surrender, are guiding principles when we make decisions, and in the way that we live and interact with one another on a daily basis. Together we strive to incarnate the Franciscan Virtues.

Our vowed life is centered around the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours spaced throughout the day. Eucharistic Exposition is vital to our Heritage as Poor Clares.

We share the responsibility of all the things that need to be done to feed, clothe and house our community. This includes the work that supports the community financially, the altar bread department, making vestments, and shared responsibilities of sewing, cooking, answering the door and telephone, answering the mail and cleaning.

Enclosure is our "choice in the Church" as it says in our Constitutions. St. Clare chose to live an enclosed life before enclosure became a canonical requirement for contemplative religious women. It allows us the sacred space that is both limited by specific boundaries and as unlimited as the Mystical Body. It is as infinite as the Bosom of the Most Holy Trinity!

Although the Church defines some of the limits and boundaries of enclosure, because of our reason for choosing it, we also, as a community, define and set limits to it. In Chapter 2 of her Rule, Clare states that after the sister enters the Monastery, she will not leave except for "a useful, reasonable, evident, and approved purpose." When we leave the enclosure, it is for a reason that is within the regulations set by the Order or the Church. Much is left to the discretion of the individual sister to regulate in prayerful discussion with the abbess.

Although we are an enclosed community, we do believe there is a special vocation to live the Poor Clare contemplative life as an Extern Sister. These sisters live, pray and work within the enclosure along with all the other community members, but are especially dedicated to caring for the outside needs of the Monastery, such as driving sisters to medical appointments, shopping.

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Little Sisters of the Assumption 1947 One heart, one family LSA

Name of Community: Little Sisters of the Assumption:

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1947

Ministries:

Family Shelter, Children's Center, Family Child Care Business Enterprise, Adult Learner Program, One Family Scholars, Transition to Work Collaborative, Food Pantry, Neighborhood Development & Housing, and Community Services

Significant Dates:

- 1981** The Little Sisters of Assumption welcome a homeless family to live with them. Convent is renamed "**Project Hope**" (**House Open People Enter**)
- 1985** Sister Margaret Leonard becomes the Executive Director of Project Hope. Staff grows to 10 employees. Sisters move to house next door.
- 1990** Shelter residents ask for and receive an **Adult Learner Program**. The Chapel is converted to a classroom and the bookkeeper's office becomes the library.
- 1991** Project Hope builds 8 units of affordable housing on the vacant lot across from the Shelter. Grass and tulips replace weeds and trash.
- 1992** The children's playroom becomes a neighborhood **Children's Center**. To date, 300 poster handprints have been painted and admired!
- 1997** Project Hope forms a collaborative to connect families to jobs that pay a living wage. **The Transition to Work** collaborative rents office space nearby.

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- 1998** **Family Child Care Business Enterprise** program is launched to train women to start home-based childcare businesses and become part of our provider network.
- 2000** **One Family Scholars**, co-founded by Project Hope and Wellspring House, provides higher education for 14 formerly homeless women. (Currently, 125 women are enrolled at 5 sites.)
- 2001** **Housing Support Services**, initially limited to shelter families, expands to prevent neighbors from becoming homeless.
- 2004** Project Hope's first official business partnership opens. **Partners in Career & Workforce Development** trains candidates for entry-level jobs with career ladders.
- 2006** Construction on Project Hope's state of the art, earth friendly, four-story community building comes to a close, amidst applause from neighbors, clients and staff!

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Sr. Annette Allain, LSA
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Vocation Director: Sr. Annette Allain, LSA

**Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi 1947 Hanover To further the coming of the reign of OSF
God**

Name of Community: Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: October 31, 1947

Mission Statement

Our mission as Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi is to further the coming of the reign of God:

to live the Gospel;

to be faithful to the rule of the third Order Regular of St. Francis and the Constitutions of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi;

to carry forward the dependence upon the Father, prayerfulness, simplicity and hospitality which marked the foundation of the Congregation in Milwaukee; and

to be available in service to the Church, at home and abroad, in those areas of concern and need that call forth the corporate and personal gifts of our members.

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Ministries (in the Boston Archdiocese):

Education of young people who are developmentally disabled: St. Coletta and Cardinal Cushing Schools of Massachusetts, Hanover MA

Spiritual Development: San Damiano House of Prayer, Lowell MA

Religious Education: St. Agnes Parish, Middleton MA

Volunteer Chaplain: Norfolk State Prison, Norfolk MA

Significant Dates

October 31, 1947- St. Coletta School by the Sea, Hanover MA (now St. Coletta and Cardinal Cushing Schools of Massachusetts, Inc.)

1951-1967 Archbishop Cushing Educational [Reading] Clinic

September 5, 1957- Braintree St. Coletta Day School, Braintree MA

October 4, 1984- Cushing Residence, Inc., Hanover MA

2000- San Damiano House of Prayer, Lowell MA

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Archivist Marita Maschmann, OSF

Vocation Director Kathy Cairns, OSF

Order of St. Camillus (Camillians)	1948	Cambridge	OSCam
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Name of Community: Order of St. Camillus (Camillians)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1948

In the 1940s and the 1950s federal and state nursing regulations were becoming more strict as the government began to subsidize the care of the needy. It was now necessary for the nursing Brothers to become certified as either licensed practical nurses or registered nurses. Not an easy task because, in 1947, many of the training programs excluded male students.

In 1948, the General Consulta in Rome granted permission to the North American Province to establish an official house in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which the Brothers could be properly trained as nurses in programs open to men. This house became known as the House of St. Camillus, a hospital for the aged, the chronically ill and incurable.

Mission Statement:

By providing services to the poor, sick and elderly with a sense of compassion and love, St. Camillus Campus offers hope and meaning to those who are suffering, comfort and security to those who are aging and serenity to those who are dying, taking into account each person's innate dignity, unique needs and God-given rights.

Ministries: Health Care

Significant Dates:

Houses closed in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1962

House opened in Worcester diocese in 1962. This was sold in 2002.

Contact Information:

V. Rev. Richard O'Donnell, O. S. Cam.

Major Superior: V. Rev. Richard O'Donnell, O. S. Cam.

Archivist: Sister Therese Merrick, OSF

Vocation Director: Father Albert Schempp, O. S. Cam.

Missionary Sisters of St. Columban	1948	Hyde Park	We are Christ's, not our own	MSSC
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Name of Congregation: Missionary Sisters of St. Columban (Columban Sisters)

Date of coming to Boston: 1948

Place of arrival: Hyde Park, Boston

Motto: We are Christ's not our own

Cong. Initials: MSSC

Mission:

We, Columban Sisters, walking in the footsteps of our founding women, inspired by St. Columban, wholeheartedly and with hope, embrace the mission of Christ in a broken world.

Trusting in the leading of God's Spirit, we commit ourselves to
contemplation, dialogue and reconciliation;

to be with the poor and marginalized,

going beyond the boundaries of language, culture, faith and ideology;

to collaborate with those who share our vision and to clarify our focus and priorities.

As we journey with Christ, sharing his mission even to the giving of life itself

we are nourished by the Word of God, by the Eucharist

and by the sharing of our own faith and life experiences.

We are constantly enriched by being a mutual listening presence with the poor and marginalized,
as together we work for the transformation of our world.

Ministries:

Mission Education, development, vocation promotion, pastoral care in parish and clinical settings, counseling and spiritual direction.

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Significant dates:

- 1948 At the invitation of Cardinal Cushing our Sisters came to Hyde Park to open a house of formation.
- 1952 Opened a Montessori School
- 1981 Moved from Hyde Park to Brighton
- 1995 Opened a house in West Roxbury

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Sisters of the Holy Cross 1948 Brookline CSC

Name of Community: Sisters of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate/Generalate: Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana

Mission Statement:

We, Sisters of the Holy Cross throughout the world, are called to participate in the prophetic mission of Jesus to witness God's love for all creation.
Compassion moves us to reflect on the signs of the times, discern needs, and respond.
We stand in solidarity with the poor and the powerless.
Our life together enriches and strengthens us to foster community wherever we are.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1948

Ministries:

Holy Cross Academy, Brookline 1948-1969
Cardinal Cushing College, Brookline 1952-1972
Sisters on Individual Assignments (1973 - present)
Religious Education Coordinator at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Jamaica Plain (1973-1977)
Director of Religious Education at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, West Roxbury (1973-1979)
Accountant at Sisters of St. Joseph, Brighton (1974-1976)
Pastoral Care at Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury (1976-1978)
Home visitor at St. Anthony's Parish, Revere (1978-1979)
Social Work at Catholic Charities, Boston (1974-1975)
Bookkeeper at Diocesan Office of Religious Education, Boston (1978-1983)
Religious Education Coordinator at St. Luke's Parish, Belmont (1980-1981)
Administrative Assistant at the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office (1983-1992)
Administration, Research, Liaison with the NCCB, Archdiocese of Boston, Brighton (1984-1993)
Regional Director, Office of Religious Education, Boston (1985-1990)
Elementary Teacher at Saint Catherine School, Somerville (1985-1995)
Administration, Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture, West Roxbury (1986-1993)
Pastoral Associate, Saint Francis Xavier Parish, South Weymouth, (1992-1995)
Mental health & Retardation Services, Inc, Bedford (1995-present) Administration, Affirmation Center for Education, Natick (1987-1988)

Significant Dates:

Significant dates of the **Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross**

- August 4, 1841 - Habit given for the first time to four Marianites of Holy Cross in France
- July 26, 1869 - Separation of Sisters of the Holy Cross from Marianites in France

January 20, 1873 - Death of our founder, Rev. Basil Anthony Moreau
July 25, 1889 - Election of Mother M. Augusta as first Superior General of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the United States
July 13, 1946 - Introduction of the cause for the beatification of Father Moreau
September 15, 2007 - Scheduled date for the Rite of Beatification in Le Mans France of Rev. Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Congregations of Holy Cross (priests, brothers, and sisters).
September 15 is the patronal feast of the congregations of Holy Cross founded by Rev. Basil Anthony Moreau.

Significant dates in relation to the **Archdiocese of Boston**

Holy Cross Academy, Brookline, Massachusetts - 1948-1969
Cardinal Cushing College, Brookline, Massachusetts - 1952-1972

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Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph 1949 Dover Preach Jesus Christ OP

Name of Community: Friars of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

Province of St. Joseph (Eastern) in the United States of America

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1949

Mission Statement:

We, Dominican Friars of St. Joseph Province, are a community called to preach Jesus Christ as part of the worldwide mission of the Order of Friars Preachers.

Under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of God, we are bound, poor and chaste, to one another by our common vow of obedience, and by God's grace we grow in holiness through our common life, prayer and contemplation, study of the Word, and our fraternity.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is exercised for the salvation of souls and extends to all of God's people through these primary ministries:

- a. preaching the Word, including all forms of evangelization;
- b. teaching and scholarship in service of the ministry of the Word, with priority given to our own foundations: the Dominican House of Studies and Providence College;
- c. parochial service, especially in university locales, and in parishes offering strategic opportunities for preaching; and
- d. foreign missions.

Current Ministries: Theology Faculty, St. John's Seminary, Brighton, MA

Historical Presence in the Archdiocese of Boston

St. Stephen's Priory, 20 Glen Street, Dover, Massachusetts 02030 – 1949-2004

In 1949 the Dominican Province of St. Joseph was experiencing a vocations crisis – too many novices! The establishment of St. Albert's Province ten years earlier had cost St. Joseph's its splendid house of studies in the Chicago suburb of River Forest, and since then the Novitiate had moved back to its older, inadequate facilities at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, Ohio.

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Meanwhile, Dominican friars from nearby Providence College were invited by Archbishop Richard Cardinal Cushing to conduct a series of lectures at Emmanuel College and other venues in the Archdiocese as part of a campaign to provide better instruction in theology to the faithful. The Archbishop strongly encouraged the friars to establish a permanent presence in the Archdiocese of Boston, something that they were quite willing to do, and so the 78-acre Dyer forested and landscaped estate in Dover, along the banks of the elegant and pacific Charles River, was chosen as an excellent location for the new Novitiate. This setting provided sufficient privacy and quiet with easy access to Boston's educational riches and opportunities for the apostolate.

An offer to purchase the property was made in June 1949, and within two months the friars were in residence. The Master of the Order, Fr. Emmanuel Suarez, visited and formally erected the convent on 22 October with the title of Saint Stephen's – a compliment to Fr. Stephen McDermott, the Provincial – and modifications were undertaken over the next months to prepare the house and new buildings for the first class of 38 novices, who arrived in September 1950. Construction of a separate Novitiate building and a chapel was begun in June of 1953.

In May of 1955, Fr. McDermott, after consultation with the Provincial Council, decided to move the Novitiate to St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, Ohio once again and to change St. Stephen's into the Province's House of Philosophy (where three years of philosophical study are pursued as preparation for the usual four years of theology). This decision was approved by the Master of the Order on 27 August, and the school year began that September with 54 students in addition to the nineteen priests and five cooperator brothers assigned to the priory. The Dominican Sisters from St. Catherine's in Kentucky was established here toward the end of 1956; the sisters provided invaluable housekeeping, dietary and secretarial services for the studium.

About this time it was decided to seek accreditation as St. Stephen's College (as St. Stephen's Novitiate Seminary the school had been affiliated to Providence College). The Massachusetts Collegiate Authority fully accredited the school as a degree-granting institution in June 1960 with the authority to grant baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees.

In 1967 the Provincial Chapter proposed the return of the Novitiate to Dover and the transfer of the House of Philosophy to Washington D.C., which was effected by a rescript of the Master, Fr. Aniceto Fernandez, on 25 January 1968 (the actual move took place the following August), St. Stephen's remained the Novitiate until 1984.

While Dominican formation was the main work of the community, from their arrival in Dover the friars were engaged in ministries to the surrounding area. Many local Catholics began, with the Archbishop's approval, to receive the sacraments regularly at St. Stephen's rather than make the drive to their parish church in South Natick, making the Priory their de facto parish. The work of adult education continued, and the friars also conducted a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (C.C.D.) Program for hundreds of children from Dover and neighboring towns. Some of the student brothers, natives of Puerto Rico, assisted in the preparation of Spanish Masses around the archdiocese in the late 1960s. Charitable outreach projects were undertaken in South Boston and Roxbury. Programs for women religious began to be offered; for a time in the late 1970s an experimental "joint formation program" was conducted, in which some courses were open to novice friars and novice women religious. At the same time, St. Stephen's began to offer conferences and courses in spirituality and meditation that were well attended by laypeople from the Boston area, especially from Emmanuel College, Cushing College and Massachusetts Institute of Technology where friars from the priory taught at various times.

By 1984 it had become clear that the retreat and conference activities at St. Stephen's was growing and becoming incompatible with the quiet necessary for the Novitiate. When faced with a choice by the Provincial Chapter, the community voted to continue and expand its operation as a retreat house and "Spiritual Life Center." The Novitiate was transferred to St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Retreat Center then flourished and was the primary ministry of the Friars, offering retreats, conferences, and renewal sabbaticals for women religious as well as other groups that desired the use of a beautiful contemplative setting in the Dominican tradition of prayer, liturgy and silence.

After 2000, participation in its programs decreased and the diminishing presence of the Friars to administer, manage and maintain a viable presence led to a process of discernment about the continued Dominican presence in the Archdiocese of Boston. It was the decision of the Provincial Council that after more than fifty

extraordinary years, the mission of the Friars had been fulfilled in Dover. This decision led to the closing of St. Stephen's Priory in 2004 and the eventual sale of the land and buildings to Boston College.

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Sons of Divine Providence	1949	East Boston	Do good to all; harm no one	FDP
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Name of Community: The Sons of Divine Providence

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1949

Mission Statement:

The Sons of Divine Providence were founded by St. Louis Orione (1872-1940) to work among the poor and humble people spreading the love of Christ in faithful service to the Church.

Ministries:

The Don Orione Nursing Home for the Elderly
The Madonna Queen National Shrine
St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Parish
St. Mary, Star of the Sea School

Brief History:

The **Sons of Divine Providence** is a Roman Catholic religious congregation, founded in Italy in 1893. The congregation takes inspiration from its founder Don Luigi Orione, whose motto was "Do good to all, help everybody, harm nobody". Don Orione is remembered for his commitment to social justice and the service of those in need, a service guided and inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Don Orione began his work with orphans and street children in the city of Tortona in northwest Italy while he was still a student. He was a man of enormous energy and enterprise and by the time of his death in 1940 Don Orione and his followers had established services for the care of elderly, disabled and disadvantaged people all over Italy, as well as in Poland, Brazil, Argentina and Palestine. Today over a thousand priests and brothers of the congregation are working in twenty-five countries around the world providing services for more than 200,000 people in a variety of health and social care projects.

In **Boston** we have six confreres who run: a well-known shrine dedicated to Our Lady called 'Madonna Queen of the Universe', the Don Orione Nursing Home for elderly people and the nearby parish of St Joseph and St Lazarus. Sunday Masses at the shrine in Spanish and Portuguese are very popular with the local Hispanic and Brazilian communities.

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Cistercian Sisters 1949 Wrentham OCSO

Name of Community: Cistercian Sisters, Mt. St. Mary's Abbey

Mount Saint Mary's Abbey was founded in **1949** from St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co. Waterford, Ireland. Several American women had gone to Ireland to receive their initial formation as Cistercians and they, with Irish sisters from Glencairn, formed the group of Foundresses.

The community grew rapidly and in 1964 the first foundation was made in Dubuque, Iowa. Our Lady of the Mississippi was followed by Santa Rita Abbey, Sonoita, Arizona in 1972 and Our Lady of the Angels. Crozet, Virginia in 1987.

Today that first generation is passing into the mature years, the golden years that crown a lifetime of fidelity. At present there are 48 sisters at Wrentham.

LOVE NEVER FAILS

This abbatial motto of Mother Agnes Day, our Abbess, from St. Paul's hymn to love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians describes beautifully the foundation of our abbey's life.

After the first General Chapter following World War II, Dom Edmund Futterer, Abbot of Our Lady of the Valley, Cumberland, Rhode Island, and Brother Leo Gregory made a hasty trip to the houses of Glencairn, Mount Melleray and Stapehill. Dom Edmund informed the nuns that many American girls were interested in the contemplative life and that he knew Cardinal (then Archbishop) Cushing would be happy to have a foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston. In fact, the year before, when the Cardinal was at the Valley in Cumberland, he invited the monks to his Archdiocese. At that time, Worcester was within the Archdiocese of Boston.

Toward the end of the year 1947 Brother Dominic Mihm, a monk of the Valley, had a surplus of milk which he took to the Garelick Brothers for them to purchase. He mentioned the possible foundation of Trappistine Nuns and Max Garelick suggested that he look at Mount Farm, or rather a part of it. John McMahan owned the other half. When Cardinal Cushing was told of the property he was delighted that it was within his jurisdiction and advised Brother Dominic and Brother Leo to go ahead and obtain the approval of Dom Edmund, since his consent was necessary to found our Abbey. The Valley, however, needed funds to purchase the property and Dom Edmund called upon many generous benefactors who came to the rescue - John McMahan, the Grace Family and Harry John.

It was Cardinal Cushing who provided the funds for the building materials and the monks of the Valley began the construction of the new abbey in 1948 with Father Paul Scheibler as Grange Master. When the fourteen foundresses came on October 1, 1949, their new home was prepared, even a barn with cows ready to be milked!

The foundresses were brought to Wrentham by Cardinal Cushing who was leading a pilgrimage throughout Ireland and invited the Sisters to join him when he returned to the USA. In September of 1949 they boarded the Britannic and crossed the Atlantic that had recently been hit by a hurricane.

How were the Sisters chosen for this momentous adventure? Mother Margaret, Abbess of Glencairn, called a meeting of the community and announced that she was about to read the names of those who would be making the foundation. She requested that as she called the names, each Sister, if she consented, would stand. All fourteen stood! There were seven Irish Sisters, six Americans, who had gone to Glencairn for their novitiate training and one Canadian. The seven Irish were Rev. Mother Bernard, the Superior, Mother St. John, Mother Imelda, Mother Agnes, Mother Patrick, Sister Francis and Sr. Veronica. The Americans - Mother Michael, Sr. Stephen (Stephanie), Sr. Celsus (Andree), Sr. Andrew (Grace) Sr. Edmund, Sr. Paul. The Canadian - Sr. Emmanuel (Carol),

Sr. Carol has left us a day by day account of the departure from Glencairn to the reception of the Sisters at the front door of the Abbey by Dom Edmund, Dom James Fox of Gethsemani, Dom Eugene Martin of New Melleray and several monks who were ringing the bells and who had prepared supper for the Sisters.

Sister begins her account by describing the last few days at Glencairn, the packing of trunks and bags, giving goodbye *Paxes* and the "miracle" of novices wearing black veils for the trip. There were tears in the midst of the last tea party in the Glencairn refectory. Then to Church where Mother Kevin intoned the *Benedictus* while the foundresses made their way out the parlor door and then the enclosure door. Father Colman, a friend of Father Carthage, Glencairn's Chaplain, drove Sister Carol and four other Sisters, while the remaining group waited by the wall of the Abbey Church for additional Melleray cars. The Sisters looked like orphans!

They finally reached Cork about four in the afternoon and stopped at the steamship line office to transact passport and ticket business. Then a visit to the Cathedral and finally to their lodgings for the night. Brother Kieran and Brother Lochteen brought them cups of tea, and in the midst of the general confusion, Cardinal Cushing appeared in his purple with biretta and sash and brought a wave of cheer to his new little family. All the Sisters regarded him even then as a father and as time went on, this love and veneration for him increased.

The next morning there was Mass at the Cathedral offered by Dom Celsus. Then the Sisters said the Divine Office and after breakfast continued until it was time to collect luggage and be on their way. Brother Kieran drove groups of four or five to the pier where there were reporters and even a band to bid farewell to the Cardinal and his pilgrimage.

The Sisters were shown to their cabins, with "bunks" for beds and then went to dinner with the Cardinal. Compline was said together and then the *Salve* was sung as it would be each evening of the voyage.

Thoughtful as always, the Cardinal reserved deck chairs for the Sisters, but as the days went on and the sea became rough, more and more of the Sisters became sea-sick.

Then came the evening when the Sisters saw the glimmer of a searchlight - a lighthouse! That meant the shore of the USA was near! Yes, the next morning, the New York skyline came into view. There was morning Mass and then the customs officials and then the reporters! **September 30, 1949!**

The Cardinal put the Sisters on a bus and asked if all were well. They could only recall the conferences, the teas, and, as each one kissed his ring, deep gratitude filled her heart.

They drove to New Haven, Connecticut, and as they reached the city limits, two motorcycles driven by police approached the driver and asked if these were the Trappistines from Ireland, and if they were going to St. Raphael's Hospital. When he replied in the affirmative, they said, "Follow us". With sirens roaring, they made their way across the city, through red lights, stop signs, while the "silent" Trappistines crouched lower in their seats. The entire hospital staff was standing on the front steps to greet them. The Sisters thanked their escorts and found out later, to their delight, that one was from Ireland.

A wonderful dinner was prepared for the Sisters, Dom Celsus and Monsignor Splaine. When it was time to leave the police were at the side of the bus escorting them out of New Haven with the same "vigor" as they had when entering the city.

Reaching Providence all was quiet. Then at Wrentham, the Selectmen were there prepared to show them where Mt. St. Mary's was. The first person they met at the bottom of the road was a bearded Lay Brother (a delight for all the Sisters!) who informed another Brother in a car that they had arrived. The latter drove ahead and the bells started pealing. The first impression was a blaze of light from all the front windows. Dom Edmund, the two other Abbots and monks from the Valley were there to greet them. And the reporters!

The Sisters entered their new home and were very happy. The cloisters of plain brick with glass sliding doors and the garth [enclosure] pleased them very much. They went immediately to the little pink Chapel where Dom Edmund officiated at Benediction and the monks sang. That very morning, for the first time, Mass had been offered in the Chapel by Dom Edmund. Jesus had come to stay!

After Benediction, they were led to the refectory and served a delicious supper. Finally all went to bed with the assurance of Father Paul that he would awaken them at 7A. M. by ringing the bells - near the dormitory windows. At 7:00 the following morning, there was clanging and banging. The Sisters went down to Mass offered by their Chaplain, Father Anselm. The date: October 1, 1949.

An epilogue follows Sister Carol's account: the arrival on December 17th of the Americans from Bon Conseil in Canada, Sr. Angela, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Pia and Sr. Julia.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

The decade of the fifties saw the coming and going of many aspirants. On May 15, 1950 the first great cross happened: Mother St. John died quite unexpectedly. She was buried in the cemetery of the Valley because our cemetery was not ready to receive her body.

The life was rigorous both for the Choir and Lay Sisters. Four Sisters contracted tuberculosis and spent time in the sanitarium.

On March 21, 1950 Our Lady of the Valley burned to the ground, and the monks found refuge in a CCC Camp in Chepachet, Rhode Island until their new home, St. Joseph's Abbey, was built at Spencer.

The Irish Sisters became American citizens and on November 13, 1950, Mother Bernard was unanimously elected Abbess. In 1952 at the Visitation Mother Angela was appointed superior-ad-nutum and Mother Bernard happily stepped down from her office as Abbess. The Irish Sisters wholeheartedly supported their new Superior.

Cardinal Cushing, who often visited, started a building program which included a new Church, Chapter Room, Scriptorium and dormitory.

A tremendous blow and heartbreak was the recall of the Irish Sisters in June of 1955. We wondered how we could go on without them! But God, in His infinite mercy, provided the strength for us all.

Brother Dominic Mihm arrived on January 11, 1961.

In 1961 our beloved Dam Edmund Futterer resigned and Dom Thomas Keating assumed the role of Spencer's Abbot.

We made our first record with the help of Dom Derocquettes and with C. Alexander Peloquin directing.

The Belgian Trappistines came to Wrentham on their way to California to make a foundation. In 1964 we made our own first foundation in Iowa. On a plane provided by Peter Grace, Mother Angela, Dom Thomas of Spencer and 13 Sisters with Mother Columba Guare as Superior flew out to Dubuque and their new home.

On January 11, 1963, our beloved friend and benefactor, John McMahan went to the Lord. He said to his nephews that he felt he had accomplished his mission in life. When asked what it was, he replied, "To bring the Trappistines to this country"!

Vital effects of Vatican II on our Order were the *Decree of Unification* and the *Declaration on Cistercian Life Unanimity and Pluralism*. Work began on the revision of our Constitutions especially by Father Michael Casey of Tarrawarra.

A delight in June 1969 was watching Americans step on the moon!

In 1972, time came for our second foundation and, with the advice of Father Tom Rice, who had been ordained in our Chapel, Sonoita, Arizona was the site chosen. Mother Benedict (Cecile), Prioress since 1955 when our Irish foundresses left us, was the Superior and with her five companions, left us for the desert and beautiful mountains.

On October 1, 1979, our own 30th anniversary, Pope John Paul came to the Boston Common amidst a downpour of rain.

Then in 1980, together with our Spencer brothers, we celebrated the sesquimillennial anniversary of St. Benedict, author of the Rule by which we live. In 1984, the General Chapter of our Order was held in Holyoke, Massachusetts! Many of the participants came to visit Wrentham . . . to our delight.

One of our community's deepest sorrows took place on January 24, 1986 when Mother Angela, who had been ill for many months, went to the Lord. Surrounded by her Sisters, she breathed her beautiful soul into the Heart of Jesus Whom she had so loved. It would be impossible to describe what Mother Angela has meant to all of us, her daughters. She gave herself totally to a task that, without God, would have been impossible. We can only thank God for His gift of her to us. On March 21, 1986, Sister Agnes became our new Abbess.

In 1987, it was Mother Agnes who founded Our Lady of the Angels in Crozet, Virginia, our third foundation. Many beautiful changes occurred in the 90's: our new kitchen with its very own cooler, the patio freezer and cooler, the remodeling of McMahan's to become a retreat house; more recently our Church was renovated, Raphael's Wing was built and a new Library. This year we remodeled space for an up-to-date candy business, as well as renovating the Abbey guest rooms. We have also been devoting much time and energy to our own renovation, revitalizing our vow of conversion. At the time of Mother's second abbatial election, we voted her as Abbess *ad indefinitum!*

The barn situation was a very thorny problem. Every state that brought milk into Massachusetts paid a tariff which was then given to Massachusetts farmers as a subsidy. Someone brought this to the Supreme Court and it

was declared unconstitutional. We had relied on that subsidy and in the course of time had to sell our fifty milking cows. We turned to raising heifers, but this was a financial loss. We went through a long process of research, compilation and dialogue and finally met with our Father Immediate, Dom Damian Carr, who presided at the final discussion. A vote of the Conventual Chapter on August 7, 1998 brought the decision to sell the heifers. As Mother wrote in her note to the Sisters who had not been at the Chapter, "The barn has always been part of our life, so this is a painful wrench, but we will go forward into the new with hope and trust in God and a lot of commitment to address our problems and find fruitful solutions."

Also a part of our lives was Brother Matthew Fitzgerald, who came to help us on the farm in 1959 until 1962. And again in 1969 until 1994 when he returned to the infirmary at Spencer, where he died on July 12th, 1995.

It was in 1998 that, with our entire Order, we celebrated the 9th centenary of the foundation of Citeaux. With joy we studied and pondered the life and teachings of our founding Fathers, Sts. Robert, Alberic and Stephen.

We remember before God each and every one of the wonderful friends he has given us throughout these 50 years, and keep them in our hearts.

We end this brief history, as we began, with love - love of one another, the Church, the world and you. That you are with us today proves your love and loyalty and we are deeply touched and grateful. May God bless each of you with His grace, peace and joy.

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Medical Missionaries of Mary 1950 Boston MMM

Name of Community: Medical Missionaries of Mary

Location of Motherhouse: Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland

Location of Area Central House: City Island, New York

Mission Statement:

As Medical Missionaries of Mary, in a world deeply divided, we are women on fire with the healing love of God. Engaging our own pain and vulnerability, we go to peoples of different cultures, where human needs are greatest. Our belief in the inter-relatedness of God's creation urges us to embrace holistic healing and to work for reconciliation, justice and peace.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, 1950

Ministries:

Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish and local Hospital.

Pastoral Work - Visiting the elderly. Vocation Ministry

Student's Ministry.

Ministry of Hospitality to our Sisters returning for home leave from the Missions.

Significant Dates:

January 27: Anniversary of Marie Martin's death

March 25: Feast of the Annunciation

April 4: Foundation Day

May 31: Feast of the Visitation

July 11: Feast of St. Benedict

October 1: Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of Missions

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Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa 1952 FMSA

Name of Community: Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa

Location of our convent: 172 Foster Street, P. O. Box 35095, Brighton MA 02135

Congregational Mother House: Mt Oliver, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: February 2, 1952

Mission statement

The vocation of a Franciscan Missionary Sister for Africa is to be a woman of faith, consecrated to God in a community of love, joy and simplicity. Impelled by the love of Christ, she is ready to be sent on Mission and she responds with courage and zeal to the real needs of the Church in Africa and wherever we are on Mission. She approaches the people of God with reverence so that together they may grow in the fullness of the Gospel.

Ministries:

Primarily Mission Education and Fund-Raising for the Missions, locally Retreats Spiritual Direction and Eucharistic Ministry to the sick and shut-ins.

Significant dates:

Death of Mother Kevin, Foundress, Boston, October 17, 1957. Subsequent removal of remains to Ireland and Uganda.

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Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement 1952 Boston That all may be one; that the world may believe SA

NAME OF COMMUNITY: *Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement*

DATE OF FOUNDATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON:

Emmanuel House 11 Newcomb St. Boston, MA Foundation: November 19, 1952

MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, are a missionary congregation of women religious called by God through the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and inspired by the vision of our founders, Mother Lurana Mary White and Father Paul James Wattson.

In loving fidelity to this call, our covenant, we recognize and support our diversity and giftedness. We accomplish this through a shared life of at-one-ment that nurtures and encourages each sister to live the fullest expression of Christian love.

We are sent to the People of God as witnesses of the Kingdom. In Franciscan simplicity and joy we serve the poor as we strive to empower those who are neglected or oppressed. We remain open to other ministries which respond to the needs of our times. We strive also to be instruments of justice and peace wherever we labor in building up the Body of Christ.

*Thus, through prayer and ministry, we proclaim the Gospel seeking to fulfill the prayer of Jesus
“that all may be one.”*

MINISTRIES:

Two Sisters in Early childhood Education at Yawkey Center for Early Education and Care, Dorchester, MA

SIGNIFICANT DATES:

Emmanuel House 1952-2006: At Emmanuel House the Sisters’ ministries included full-day Kindergartens 1 and 2, after-school program, youth ministry, senior citizens ministry, home visiting, small food pantry, as well as clothing.

Catholic Charities Sunset Point Children’s Vacation House in Hull, MA During the summer the Sisters ran summer camp part-time from 1952-1982. From 1983 – 1997 Sunset Point Children’s Vacation House became a full time ministry for two Sisters.

2002 celebrated the 50th anniversary of ministry at Emmanuel House

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Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish 1952 Boston

Name of Community: Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: May, 1952

Mission Statement

We, Sisters of St. Martha, inspired by God’s graciousness, hear, embrace and respond to the cry for Gospel Hospitality.

Ministries

Ministry:

The two main ministries of the Sisters of St. Martha were:

Social Work – St. Martha’s Catholic Center (Boston)

Health Care –St. John’s Hospital Lowell, Mass

Significant Dates:

Social Work – St. Martha’s Catholic Center (Boston)

May, 1952 – Archbishop James Cushing of Boston invited the Sisters of Saint Martha to Boston and they took up residence at 36 Commonwealth Ave. This was the first American Foundation of the Sisters of St. Martha, Antigonish, N.S. The new mission was called St. Martha’s Catholic Centre.

1954 – Sister Baptista Maria MacDonald – Supervisor of the Family Division of the Catholic Charitable Bureau

April, 1954 - The Marthas incorporated in the state of Massachusetts

June, 1954 – Archbishop Cushing transferred the property of 36 Commonwealth Avenue to the Sisters of St. Martha.

1958 – The Catholic Charitable Bureau became the Catholic Family Counseling (Casework Agency) – this change was initiated by Sister Maria Baptista MacDonald and Sister Anselm Doyle (Sister Irene)

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June, 1987 – The Sisters of St. Martha left their residence at 36 Commonwealth after 35 years of varied ministry. The residence reverted back to the Archdiocese.

St. John's Hospital, Lowell, MA

September 1, 1961 – Saint John's Hospital, Lowell, MA was turned over to the Sisters of St. Martha, (the hospital had been opened in 1867). Ten sisters supervised key departments.

May 14, 1966 – The new wing was formally opened increasing the number of beds to 251.

1967 – Centennial celebrations of St. John's Hospital. Also, intensive care unit opened in 1967.

January 1969 – The Board of Trustees of St. John's Hospital decided to close the Catherine Labouré School of Nursing.

July, 1975 – St. John's Hospital opened a new cardiology department.

August, 1975 – St. John's Hospital opened a new pastoral care department.

February, 1976 – St. John's Hospital opened the new wing called the Reilly Building.

1977 – The last graduating class of the Lab Technicians

September 1980 – St. John's had become the #1 hospital in Lowell

September 1986 – Sisters of St. Martha celebrated 25 years in Lowell

October 1, 1992 – Sisters of St. Martha terminated its obligations to St. John's Complex, Lowell

October 1, 1992 – Merger of St. John's Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital occurred.

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Sons of Mary 1952 Framingham FMSI

Name of Community: Sons of Mary, Health of the Sick

Location of Brotherhouse: Sylva Maria, Framingham

Mission Statement:

The Sons of Mary, Health of the Sick are missionaries who continue the redemptive work of our Lord, Jesus Christ through the restoration of wholeness to persons and peoples by their experience of God's healing love.

Date of Foundation in Boston: 1952

Ministries: Medical, Catechetical and Social apostolate in both the home and foreign missions.

Significant Dates:

1952: Foundation

1960: Missions founded in Lima, Huancarama and Cuzco, Peru

1977: Mission founded in the jungles of Venezuela

1984: Mission founded in Manila, the Philippines

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Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm 1953 Boston The difference is love. OCarm

Name of Community: Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

June 10, 1953 St. Patrick's Manor, Boston

August 24, 1954 Marian Manor, South Boston

Mission Statement:

We, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, as women of the church inspired by Mother M. Angeline Teresa, respond with faith, courage and love to the healing ministry of Christ. Our philosophy is steeped in her words: "Our apostolate is not only to staff and operate up-to-date homes for the aged, but as religious it is to bring Christ to every old person under our care. Bringing Christ means giving them His compassion, His interest, His loving care, His warmth morning, noon and night. It means inspiring the lay people who work with us, to give the same type of loving care."

Our mission is reflected in the philosophy of care inherent in all policies and practices promulgated within the health care facilities under our supervision, thereby charging the administration, boards of directors and medical staff with promoting the Christian mission of healing and care.

Ministries:

Healthcare Facilities for the Aged and Infirm; Residential, Nursing, Rehabilitative and Special Care for the Aged

Significant Dates:

September 3, 1929 Founded in New York by Mother M. Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm.

January 21, 1984 Death of Foundress Mother M. Angeline Teresa

April 13, 2007 Completion of Diocesan phase for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Mother M. Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm.

St. Patrick's Manor (the former Lafayette Hotel which was constructed in 1895.)

June 10, 1953 The Blessing of St. Patrick's Manor

May 17, 1970 New St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham blessed by Cardinal Cushing on Pentecost Sunday

1994 Carmel Terrace, new 62 Unit Assisted Living complex for the Aged

Marian Manor: (the former Carney Hospital which was opened in 1863.)

August 24, 1954 Dedication of Marian Manor

Contact Information:

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Major Superior: Mother Mary Suzanne Sapa, O. Carm.

Archivist: Sr. Rosemary Ann Rubocki, O. Carm.

Vocation Director: Sr. Maria Therese Healy, O. Carm.

Daughters of St. Paul 1953 Jamaica Plain So that all may have life FSP

Name of Community: Daughters of St. Paul:

Foundation:

The foundational Motherhouse is located in Alba, northern Italy. . The General House is located in Rome, Italy

The Provincial House for the United States Province is located at 50 Saint Paul's Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA. 02130-3491

Mission Statement:

As apostles of Jesus Christ, evangelizing today's world:
we are CALLED to holiness
by God's living Word and Eucharist.

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We COMMUNICATE the Gospel message
through our lives
and through all available forms of media.
We SERVE the Church
by responding to the hopes and needs
of all people with the Word of God,
in the spirit of St. Paul.

Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1953

Ministry: Service of the Church with evangelization through all media.

Significant dates:

Boston Foundation: June 10, 1953.

Jamaica Plain Provincialate June 16, 1956.

The Daughters of Saint Paul in the Archdiocese of Boston

1953 - With the blessing of Archbishop Richard Cushing, four Daughters of St. Paul open a convent (3-story apartment) on Greenleaf Street, Boston, and a St. Paul Catholic Book & Film Center at 196 Washington St. in Boston center, soon to be relocated to 315 Washington St.

September 14, 1954 - Archbishop Cushing grants permission to purchase property in Jamaica Plain for a novitiate house.

April, 1955 - Archbishop Cushing presides at the groundbreaking ceremony on the Jamaica Plain property.

September 22, 1955 - The Daughters of St. Paul are incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

June 16, 1956 - Sisters, Novices, and Postulants arrive from Derby, NY to take up residence in the completed building, which would eventually house the US Provincial headquarters, the US Novitiate and the Publishing House for Pauline Books and Media.

February 16, 1957 - Archbishop Cushing turns over the Church and rectory buildings of the former St. Monica Parish, South Boston. The former church building is soon partitioned; half becomes a St. Paul Catholic Book and Film Center at 381 Dorchester St.

1960 - The large Chapel building at Jamaica Plain is completed. The Chapel had been recommended and partially financed by Archbishop Cushing, who noted that the original chapel was too small for celebrations with the public.

Early 1960's - Center city Book Center is moved from 315 Washington St. to 172 Tremont Street, opposite the Boston Common.

Early February, 1964 - Cardinal Cushing offers the Pauline community the former Maryknoll seminary property in Billerica, which had just been returned to the Archdiocese. This offer was accepted on February 14.

August 8, 1966 - A few acres of Archdiocesan land adjacent to the Jamaica Plain property were purchased by the community.

1970's - The Tremont Street building was rebuilt. In the interim, the Book Center activity was carried out from the Dorchester St., South Boston address. We ceased operations in the South Boston center soon after.

September 14, 1991 - The Pauline Book Center is relocated from Tremont Street to Providence Highway (Route 1) and Eastern Ave. in Dedham; some years later, the Pauline Center was moved to its present location, 885 Providence Highway, Dedham.

Contact Information:

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Boston Vocation Director: Sr. Maria Grace Dateno, FSP

Benedictines 1954 Hingham OSB

Founded **1954** from Benet Lake Abbey, Wisconsin

Dedicated by Archbishop Richard Cushing, September 14, 1954

Mission Statement:

The Mission of Glastonbury Abbey is to be a Benedictine presence for the Church and to the people of the greater Boston area of New England. Glastonbury Abbey accomplishes this mission by:

- Fostering a vibrant and authentic monastic community through prayer, liturgy and healthy fraternal relationships.
- Providing opportunities for prayer and spiritual nourishment through retreats, spiritual direction and liturgy.
- Providing Benedictine hospitality through informal interaction, formal programs, and a vibrant conference center.

Ministries:

Retreats
Spiritual Direction
Liturgical Apostolate
Inter-faith lecture series
Adult religion education classes Lincoln School Apartments for elderly Program for Benedictine Oblates
Annual Pilgrimages
Sacramental assistance to local parishes

Significant Dates:

September 14, 1954: Foundation; Opening of Glastonbury Latin School
August 25, 1962: Established as an independent priory
May 1971: Closing of Glastonbury Latin School; new stress on retreat ministry.
January 8, 1953: Raised to status of an abbey
January 15, 1973: Election of first abbot, Edward Campbell OSB
November 1, 1980: Opening of Lincoln School Apartments
September 14, 1986: Election of second abbot, Nicholas Morcone OSB
January 25, 2001: Opening of new Conference Center.
September 14, 2004: Golden Jubilee of foundation
April 1, 2006: Dedication of Abbey Church after renovation and new extension.

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Rt. Rev. Abbot Nicholas J. Morcone, OSB
Prior: Fr. Timothy J. Joyce, OSB
Archivist: Brother David Coakley, OSB
Vocation Director: Fr. Thomas O'Connor, OSB

Institute of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 1954 Hamilton

Little Missionary Sisters of Charity 1955

Name of Community: Little Missionary Sisters of Charity

At the end of your Ninth General Chapter, you have wished to meet the Successor of Peter to confirm the fidelity to the Church of each of you and of your entire religious family, according to the spirit of your founder, Bl. Luigi Orione.

Thank you for this visit and for the meaning that it is intended to express. I extend my sincere congratulations to Sr. Maria Ortensia Turati, confirmed for the next six years as the head of your institute. I wish her, as well as the new General Council, fruitful apostolic service in leading the congregation to ever deeper and greater initiatives of charity.

During your Chapter meeting, which ends today, you paused to reflect on the theme: *"Rooted in Christ towards a new unity of life, for a more missionary institute"*. I am aware that these days of intense prayer, careful reflection and fraternal dialogue have allowed you to look ahead, beyond the threshold of the third millennium, to emphasize the expectations and needs that call for generous and prophetic answers following the example of charity left by Don Orione.

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In order for your work, which has now spread to many countries in the world, to advance according to its own charism, you must first of all remain firmly "rooted" in Christ. How can we not look to Don Orione and his example of unceasing union with Jesus, adored in the Eucharist, loved in the mystery of his Cross and served with tireless devotion in the poorest of the poor? Be faithful to Christ in the footsteps of Don Orione! May Christ be the centre of your heart and of all your noble projects. You will thus be missionaries of his Gospel of charity wherever you work, and will share with those around you the salutary balm of divine mercy.

Your charism calls you to be Missionaries of Charity, that is, apostles of God who is Love. In order to fulfill this challenging mission, let yourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit to an ever deeper unity with God and one another: this is an essential condition for carrying out an apostolate that is always courageous and faithful. By constant prayer and contemplation you draw light and strength to be authentic "*Little Missionary Sisters of Charity*"--poor, little and humble, as Don Orione wished, so that you can indeed share the condition of those who are on the fringes of society. You are prepared, however, and well formed so that you can respond effectively to the spiritual and social challenges of our times.

*Address of John Paul II
to the Little Missionary Sisters*

Congregation of Christian Brothers 1957 Embracing a common future CFC

Name of Congregation: Congregation of Christian Brothers (CFC--Congregatio Fratrum Christianorum)

Foundation Date in Boston: 1957

Mission Statement:

(VISION STATEMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM
of the EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA)

We, Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America, are prophetic witnesses to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and faithful to the charism of our Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice.

We live a simple lifestyle in community. Practicing a heart-centered spirituality, we are committed to contemplation and pondering God's Word. In our lives together, we share our experiences of the God who dwells within each of us.

As committed religious, the pursuit of justice for all God's people is central to our mission. We are visible signs of hope for the poor and the marginalized in our society, and we stand in solidarity with them. Working collaboratively with the wider Church and world, we reach out to the most vulnerable of God's children.

Our Brotherhood reflects the diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds of North America. With compassionate hearts, we respond to the needs of our changing times. We promote reconciliation and live in right relationship with the Earth and all God's people.

Ministries (in Boston): Catholic Memorial High School 235 Baker Street West Roxbury, MA 02132 School

Motto: "VINCE IN BONO MALUM" (freely translated: "Conquer evil by doing good")

Significant Dates (in Boston):

1959 New (present building) school completed

1989: First lay principal in a CFC school in USA appointed at Catholic Memorial.

1993: Grades 7-8 established in school

2004: Christian Brothers move out of school to a new residence 2007: Golden Jubilee of school

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Sisters of the Presentation of Mary	1957	Methuen	To be a sign at the heart of the world and of the Church	PM
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Name of Community: Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: July 7, 1957

Mission Statement:

The Presentation of Mary Sisters are women called to live in community the fullness of their baptismal consecration, by sharing in the teaching mission of the church, and by responding to the Gospel challenge that impels them to serve the needs of the poor. They render visible the spirit of their foundress, Anne Marie Rivier: to know Jesus Christ in the Gospel; to live Jesus Christ in his mysteries; to reveal and to teach Jesus by their whole lives.

Responding to the vision of our foundress and to our community heritage, we, as Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, in order to live out and to extend in our times the mission of Christ, are committed to PASS ON HOPE to a world torn by violence but thirsting for God; to educate young people disoriented by harsh conditions of life; to alleviate the needs the poor and the destitute.

Ministries:

Education: early childhood and high school, retreat and prayer ministries, pastoral ministry with shut-ins, outreach to the poor, faith formation, house of discernment.

Significant Dates:

- 1957 - Opening of Presentation of Mary Nursery
- 1958 - Openings of Presentation of Mary Academy
- 1963 - Kindergarten opens its doors
- 1955-1974 We staffed the school at Assumption Parish in South Bellingham
- 1996 - Celebration of the Centennial of the founding of Congregation

Contact Information:

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Archivist: Sr. Margaret Camire (Interim)
Vocation Director: Sister Susan Frederick
 Presentation of Mary Provincial House
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Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Danvers 1958 Danvers OCD

Name of Community: Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Danvers
Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: November 21, 1958

Mission Statement:

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Danvers are a small community of cloistered religious, united in the prophetic and Marian spirit of Carmel according to the charism of St Teresa of Avila. As religious called by God to follow the Gospel as our primary Rule of Life, we manifest our allegiance to Jesus Christ through our lived participation in the Paschal Mystery and the vowed life of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. Central to the life of Carmel is the call to unceasing prayer which flows from the daily Eucharist as its source and summit and which includes two hours of personal contemplative prayer each day, the recitation in common of the Liturgy of the Hours, and the constant seeking of union with God through the practice of recollection, silence and solitude. Our life of prayer at the service of the Church is

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apostolic, ecclesial, and missionary, offered for priests in particular and for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Ministries:

Apostolic ministry of prayer, particularly for priests, for the Church and for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Significant Dates:

November 21, 2008 will be the 50th anniversary of our foundation in Danvers

Contact Information:

Prioress: Mother Anne of the Mother of God, O. C. D.

Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer 1958 Jamaica Plain

Name of Community: Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: March 13, 1958

Our Lady of the Way, a Program of the Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer located at 60-80 Pond Street in Jamaica Plain, Boston, was a residence for immigrant, young adult women, majority from Latin American countries.

Ministries: Provide the young women with a safe environment, where they could experience a family atmosphere meanwhile living in a different culture.

Significant Dates:

1964 Three Sisters from the community of Boston went to New York to open a community to attend the Spanish speaking population.

Christmas of 1964 Two Sisters died in a car accident in a town of Massachusetts. Other two were severely hurt.

Year 2000: The Oblate Sister closed Our Lady of the Way Residence, sold the property and left the Diocese of Boston.

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Sister Matilde Murillo

Archivist: Sister Teresita Flores

Vocation Director: Sister Teresita Flores

Dominican Sisters of Bethany 1960

Name of Community: Dominican Sisters of Bethany

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1960

Mission:

Receive among them women, regardless of their past, as long as they were truly converted and called to a contemplative, cloistered religious life.

Ministry: Some of the Sisters visited women in Prison.

Significant Dates:

1866: Foundation by Father Jean Joseph Lataste.

1964-1989: Residence in Millis

Contact Information:

Motherhouse: Montferrand le Chateau, France

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Franciscan Friars of the Atonement	1961	SA
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Since **1961**, the **Franciscan Friars of the Atonement** have ministered to the faithful in an unlikely place: the mall. Tucked behind **Brockton's Westgate Mall** is the Chapel of Our Savior where passersby can stop and pray in the chapel, attend Mass, go to confession, or browse through the gift shop and chat with one of the brothers working there like Bro. Savio McNiece, a friar born and raised in Pittsfield, MA, who has been bringing comfort and joy to customers for seven years. From bibles to rosaries, crosses to statues of saints, the seven Franciscans ministering in Brockton welcome all, Monday to Saturday.

In the chapel, decorated with stained glass windows featuring Franciscan saints and symbols, Bro. Thomas Banacki, SA, Fr. Norman Boyd, SA, Fr. Gerald DiGiralamo, SA, Fr. Henry Mair, SA, Bro Louis Marek, SA, Fr. Malcolm Martin, SA and Bro. Savio McNeice, SA, celebrate Mass and hear confessions twice a day, and offer spiritual counseling to visitors seeking guidance. "Mostly, we are a sacramental ministry. The chapel is small, but familiar to people. We have some regulars and some people who just drop in once in awhile," said Fr. Henry, Director of Chapel of our Savior. "We're also a bit different both because we're located in a mall and because we're closed on Sundays. We minister Monday to Saturday."

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement are a Roman Catholic religious order of brothers and priests founded in 1898 by Father Paul Wattson. Headquartered at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, their worldwide ministries include Christian unity; interfaith dialogue among Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists; serving the homeless and those suffering from alcoholism, drug addictions, and HIV/AIDS; preaching the gospel in parishes around the world, and offering respite and hope to those in need of spiritual renewal.

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Christian Brothers	1962	FSC
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Name of Community: Brothers of the Christian Schools, Long Island-New England Province

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1962

Mission Statement:

The mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers of the Long Island - New England District is to give a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor, according to the ministry which the Church entrusted to the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

The Brothers seek to touch the lives of the young and their families in ways that remind all of the loving presence of God.

The Brothers minister in the setting of the Catholic schools and through other agencies that address the educational needs of youth and their families. The Brothers are the heart and memory of an evolving tradition of service imbued with the charism of John Baptist de La Salle. They share this mission with a variety of people who embrace a Christian vision within the Lasallian heritage and who, together and by association,

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contribute to its development.

The Brothers recall with reverence that John Baptist de La Salle founded the Institute in response to the human and spiritual distress of "the children of the artisans and the poor." Therefore they offer their presence and service to all and especially those who are lacking some of the basic social skills for authentic human development.

Ministries: St. Mary's Waltham

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Brother Edmond Precourt, FSC

Vocation Director: Brother Vincent Pelletier

Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 1964 Middleborough FCSCJ

Augustinians of the Assumption	1967	Dedham	We go wherever God is threatened in man and man is threatened as image of God.	AA
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Name of Community: Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionists)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1967 in Dedham

Mission and Spirituality:

Centered in Jesus Christ and responsive to the needs of the time, we, the Assumptionists in the United States Region, are men of prayer and study living in fraternal community. Committing ourselves to collaborative leadership and formation in the Church, we teach, preach and foster education in all its forms. Impelled by the spirit of the founder "we go wherever God is threatened in man and man is threatened as image of God."

(Rule of Life 4)

"Our very reason for being, as Assumptionists, is to be found in our motto: Thy Kingdom Come."

(Father Emmanuel d' Alzon)

The spirit of Assumption may be summarized in the few words: love of our Lord, of the Blessed Virgin, his Mother, and of the Church, his Spouse."

(Father d' Alzon, Directory)

Ministries:

Higher Education, Ecumenism, Journalism, College Chaplaincy, Assumption Guild, Research and Scholarship, Assumptionist Formation Program, Christian Residency Program for young men

Significant Dates: 1967 -- Establishment in Archdiocese - Dedham 1969 - Establishment of Formation Program 2003 - Establishment of Christian Residency Program for young men - Brighton

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1970-1983

Bishop: Humberto Sousa Medeiros (1970-1983)

Little Brothers of St. Francis 1970

LBSF

Name of Community: LITTLE BROTHERS OF SAINT FRANCIS

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate BOSTON, MA.

We are a Contemplative Community living within the environs of the inner-city ghetto where we bring the presence of our Prayer Life and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

STORY AND SPIRIT - Founded in the Archdiocese of Boston in 1970 and approved by the Cardinal Archbishop, the Community enjoys the fraternal blessing of the Franciscan Minister General in Rome. Although autonomous in government and formation program, we are under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Order of Friars Minor. The Little Brothers follow the Rule for Regular Communities of the Third Order of Saint Francis and a set of unique guidelines for a Way Of Life patterned after Saint Francis' rule for Religious Life in Hermitages. We strive to imitate and experience the three great loves of Saint Francis: 1) Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgical Prayer, 2) Ministry to the "lepers" of our society, and 3) Actual poverty like Christ and His Apostles.

Mission Statement: Institute of Contemplative Life

Liturgical Prayer Life - Participating in the Church's official liturgical prayer, we regularly chant the Divine Office in common. We allow in our daily schedule for periods of silence, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration for one hour each day, meditative-reading and personal prayer. From the end of Night Prayer until after Mass the following morning, we observe "Grand Silence" to hear and to be responsive to the call of God. We place special emphasis on personal holiness, acquired in communal life through Penance and encounter with our Divine Lord in His true humanity: Tender in the Manger, sorrowful in His Passion and joyfully in His Resurrection.

Poverty and Vows - Obedient to the Church, our Holy Father the Pope, our Superiors, and submissive to the Will of God in our lives, and as a means of true conversion, we embrace humility and actual Poverty. Obedience and Celibacy free us from the tyranny of self-centered impulse to totally consecrate our lives to Christ, Who is the Light of the World. We seek to be consumed in His flame - to be the hands of Jesus to the poor and the smile of Jesus to the whole world.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston September 8, 1970

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Ministries:

To the poor ones of our city streets who together share a common loneliness and rejection by a materialistic and impersonal society, we bring the healing love of Jesus in our "evangelical street ministry." We listen to their individual problems and share with them the happiness of the Gospel message, thereby giving them hope. We dedicate our lives to Christ in a service of love to our poorer brothers and sisters. We see our vocation to the Brotherhood as a sign of the humility and obscurity that characterized the life of the Holy Family at Nazareth.

Contemplative Presence in the Inner-city ghettos, favelas and barrios of the world. Eucharistic Adoration/
Outreach to the poor on the streets

Significant Dates:

September 8th Feast of the birth of Mary

September 8, 1950 Br. James Curran, I.b.s.f., is received into the Third Order of St. Francis

September 9, 1951 Br. James is given permission by Ordinary to make private vows of Poverty and Chastity and to wear the Franciscan habit in public

1967 Br. James experiences a "second conversion" while stage-managing a production for the Opera Company of Boston at the White House

September 8, 1970 The Little Brothers of St. Francis is founded by Br. James, with the verbal approval of Cardinal Cushing

September 9, 1975 Our *Way of Life* document is submitted and receives the approval of Cardinal Medeiros

November 15, 1975 The community moves from a small Beacon Hill apartment to 789 Parker Street on Mission Hill

September 8, 1976 Perpetual Profession of Br. James as a Little Brother of St. Francis

May 1, 1979 The Little Sisters of St. Francis arrive to embrace the same vocation and move into the house at 785 Parker Street

February 24, 1982 Important audience with Pope John Paul II, who says to us: "Faithful Religious Life is very important for the United States"

1984 The Little Sisters of St. Francis leave to pursue their own way of life and charism

March 26, 1986 Cardinal Law constitutes us a Private Association of Christ's Faithful

May 31, 1987 Mother Teresa of Calcutta visits our community

June 6, 1987 The Missionaries of Charity (Active Sisters) move into our annex building, 785 Parker Street

March 2, 1990 The Missionaries of Charity move from Mission Hill to Dorchester

December 6, 1993 The St. Paschal Baylon Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order is erected at our fraternity

September 8, 1995 Our 25th Anniversary Mass is celebrated by Cardinal Law at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

December 8, 2006 We consecrate our community without reserve to Mary, the Immaculate Conception

July 4, 2007 Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, OFM Cap., relieves Br. James of his duties as Servant General, appointing Br. Anthony Joseph Servant General and Br. Didacus-Maria Vicar General for a period of three years

December 8, 2007 First Chapter of Affairs in preparation for our first General Chapter of Election in 2010

Contact Information

Servant General: Brother Anthony Joseph, I.b.s.f.

Guardian: Brother Anthony-Joseph Dusza, I.b.s.f.

Archivist: Brother Didacus-Maria Etrata, I.b.s.f.

Vocation Director: Brother Joseph-Mary Vazquez, I.b.s.f.

Regional Fraternity: 785-789 Parker Street, Boston, MA. 02120-3021

1970-1983

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary 1973 Dorchester SSCC

Name of Community: Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1973

Ministry: Teacher, Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton

Significant Dates: Damien House started in 1973 in Dorchester

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Rev. William Petrie, SSCC, Provincial
77 Adams St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Vocation Director: Rev. Richard Lifrak, SSCC

Medical Mission Sisters 1976 A healing presence at the heart of a wounded world MMS

Name of Community: Medical Mission Sisters

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1976

Mission Statement:

We are women passionately committed to our healing journey,
linked with all of creation and all of Earth's people.
We are challenged to incorporate a broadening sensitivity to the entire web of life.
It is the whole community of life that creates the context of our mission.
We want to work for the transformation of the human presence on Earth,
and recognize that the protection, support and flourishing of all Earth-Life is a most urgent task.
We are called to integrate this into every aspect of our mission and spirituality
together with our yearning to grow into one world community
that is characterized by love, justice, peace, and liberation.
Living in the Spirit of Jesus the Healer,
we are touched by the vulnerability and destruction of life
and we are drawn to protect life.

Ministries:

Care of homeless people with AIDS
Nursing - Persons with substance abuse
Hospice, palliative care and end-of-life ethics
Socially responsible investment and advocacy with corporations

Contact Information: Rosemary Ryan MMS

Major Superior: Rosemary Ryan MMS, Coordinator for Mission, Sector N. America

Archivist: Jane Gates MMS (8400 Pine Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111)

Vocation Director: Marguerite Papineau MMS (Philadelphia)

Oblates of the Virgin Mary 1976 OMV

Name of Congregation: Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Significant Dates:

The founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, Venerable Bruno Lanteri, was born in 1759 in northern Italy. His homelike had a strong atmosphere of faith, but was also touched by deep sorrow. Losing his mother when he was only four, Bruno developed a strong love for Mary. His attraction to what he would later call "silence and seclusion" prompted Bruno to enter the Carthusians at the age of seventeen. His monastic life lasted only a week. After this experience, Bruno realized it was his vocation to become a diocesan priest.

While studying in Turin as a seminarian, Bruno met Fr. Nicholas von Diessbach. Under Diessbach's spiritual guidance, Lanteri developed a great love for the Holy Father and faithfulness to Church teaching. In

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1781, at the age of twenty-two, Lanteri was ordained to the diaconate. The next year he received priestly ordination at the chapel of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in Turin.

For the next thirty years, Lanteri worked intensely in the following apostolates: the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the distribution of good books, the formation of young priests, confessions and spiritual direction.

In 1814, Lanteri met three priests who were starting an apostolic work in Carignano. Very intent on reviving a Church that had been badly damaged by Napoleon, the three, nevertheless, needed some guidance. They looked to Lanteri for help. Lanteri shared with them his own apostolic and spiritual experience. Thus, the Oblates of Mary Most Holy began in 1816 as a diocesan congregation.

This small group was soon disbanded, but Lanteri continued his priestly work for many years. While on retreat, Lanteri received an inspiration from the Holy Spirit to re-found the congregation. The Oblates of the Virgin Mary received papal approval in 1827, and Fr. Lanteri died three years later in 1830.

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary came to the United States in 1976. Since then, they have expanded rapidly with foundations in Massachusetts, Colorado, Illinois, California and even a new seminary and retreat center in the Philippines.

Contact Information:

Provincial Offices

2 Ipswich Street
Boston, MA 02215

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Email: vocations@omvusa.org

Website: <http://www.oblatesofthevirginmary.org/history.html>

Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception 1979

FIC

Name of Community: Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (FIC)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1979

Mission Statement:

Motivated by the love of Christ, the Good Shepherd, the Apostle of the Father, we the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, live the Evangelical vows open to Gospel centered service, with a preferential option for the poor, in imitation of Francis of Assisi, with loving devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate conception.

Ministries: Teachers at all levels, nurses, pastoral care, parish work, lepers, nursing home, religious education and youth ministry

Significant Dates:

Founded by Padre Pio Olivo Gettin (d. November 7, 1999), OFM Capuchin, in 1959, in Brava, Cape Verde; Community Feast Day—December 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception

October 4, St. Francis

August 11, St. Clare

March 19, St. Joseph

Convents in the Archdiocese of Boston:

St. Patrick, Roxbury

St. Clare (affiliated with St. Edith Stein in Brockton)

14 Grand Street

Brockton, MA 02301

Contact Information

Major Superior: Sister Maria da Luz Carvalho, FIC

Local superior in the United States: Sister Maria Fernanda Macedo, FIC (617) 445-6178

Archivist: Sister Julia Furtado, FIC

Vocation Director: Sister Evanilda Nascimento, FIC (Praia, Cape Verde) Each individual home/convent has its own local vocation director.

Daughters of St. Mary of Providence 1982 Chelsea In Your providence is our hope. DSMP

Name of Community - Daughters of St. Mary of Providence

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston - June 1982

Don Guanella Center Mission Statement

In keeping with the basic philosophy and spirit of the center's namesake, Blessed Don Guanella, the Center strives to promote and protect the basic human dignity of all persons regardless of their disabilities. Each person is to be cared for and treated with Christ-like respect, compassion, gentleness, and understanding. We are committed to support each person with a holistic program which supports the physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs of each and every one of our guests.

Ministries - Respite and Family services for Developmentally Disabled Females at the Don Guanella Center and Catechetical ministry at the local Parish.

Contact information: www.daughtersofstmaryofprovidence.com

Local - Daughters of St. Mary of Providence 37 Nichols Street
Chelsea, MA 02150
617-889-0179

Regional - Daughters of St. Mary of Providence 4200 N. Austin Ave.
Chicago, IL 60634
773-545-8300

Major (Provincial) Superior - Sr. Patricia McCafferty DSMP

Vocation Director - Sr. Barbara Moerman DSMP

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 1982 IHM

Name of Community: Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

1982 (just summers); 1993 (formal establishment)

Mission Statement:

Animated by our charism of love, creative hope and fidelity, and in imitation of Mary, we, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Immaculata, Pennsylvania, proclaim the Gospel message in the spirit of Jesus the Redeemer.

Strengthened by a life of vowed consecration, nurtured by prayer and the Eucharist, and sustained by community living, we radiate joyful service and promote Gospel values, offering compassion to all God's people through our mission to evangelize, to catechize, and to teach.

Ministries: Religious and Academic Education at all levels (early childhood, elementary, high school, college) in the U.S. as well as Peru and Chile; Pastoral Ministry; Literacy Centers, Infirmary work; Special Needs Education (Deaf Apostolate)

IHM History in the Archdiocese of Boston:

Brother Thomas Petite, FMS founded Lazarus House in 1982.

In the summer of 1984 the first group of IHMs arrived to work with the poor of Lazarus House. In the early 1990's several Sisters and a group of students from Immaculata College joined the summer IHMs at Lazarus House.

In 1993 Brother Thomas Petite stepped down as Director of Lazarus House and Bridget Shaheen was named Interim Director.

This summer program continued until 1993. At that time an agreement was drawn up between Lazarus House and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for three sisters to work in Lazarus House beginning in September of 1993. Sister Mary Ellen Broderick, Sister Madeline Dolores Farrell and Sister

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M. Lorraine Gondkofski were assigned and worked together until 1996 when Sister Madeline Dolores and Sister M. Lorraine were reassigned to other work. Sister Mary Ellen is still (2008) on the staff of Lazarus House. During the years since 1993, IHM sisters have continued to volunteer to assist in the summer program as their ministerial schedules allow.

Contact Information:

Sr. Rita M. Lenihan, IHM, Congregational Secretary

Major Superior: Sister Lorraine M. McGrew, IHM

Archivist: Sr. M. St. Michel Mullany, IHM

Vocation Director: Sr. Carmen Teresa Fernandez, IHM





1984-2002

Bishop: Bernard Francis Law (1984-2002)

Daughters of the Holy Spirit 1984 DHS

Name of Community: Daughters of the Holy Spirit

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1984

Mission Statement:

"Rooted in a vital Trinitarian spirituality, we are called, like Mary, to reverence in a special way the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within ourselves, in others and in all creation. Living in the Spirit of Pentecost, we continue the Mission of the risen Christ through our simple presence, humble gestures and collaborative efforts. Together we are sent forth in Gospel boldness, like Mary, to witness God's tender love for all, especially for the least favored, "that all may have life and have it to the full."

Ministries:

We have had two sisters in the Archdiocese of Boston since 1984. One was staff librarian at the Boston Public Library from 1984-2002. The other sister was a Program Developer for Catholic Charities in Cambridge, MA from 1985-1993, and from 1993-2005 she was a Volunteer chaplain, visiting the sick at Mass. General Hospital.

Contact Information: Sr. Claudette Huot, DHS, Provincial Secretary

Major Superior: Sr. Jacqueline Robillard, DHS, Provincial

Archivist: Sr. Irene Fortier, DHS

Vocation Director: Sr. Therese Vanasse, DHS

Clerics of St. Viator 1986 May Jesus be adored and loved. CSV

Name of Community: CLERICS OF ST. VIATOR/VIATORIAN COMMUNITY

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1986

Vision Statement

As Viatorians of the Chicago Province, we resolve to expand and deepen our prophetic role as a community of associates, brothers, and priests by addressing contemporary social issues. We reaffirm our Gospel-inspired mission to be dedicated educators of faith and to raise up communities of believers

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who espouse the values of Jesus Christ in our life and work.

As Viatorians, we acknowledge and respect the role of lay men and women in the Church by ministering with them as equal partners. Further, we acknowledge our need to expand beyond our traditional roles in innovative, unique and distinctive ways.

As Viatorians, in the spirit of our founder, Fr. Louis Querbes, we minister to and with young people in the Church and are committed to their faith development and active membership in their respective faith communities.

As Viatorians, living in a world of cultural diversity, we embrace those who are "accounted of little importance" by some.

Ministries:

Parish ministries (pastors, associate pastors and pastoral associates) High School teachers and administrators

Immaculate Conception, **Marlborough**, 1986-1989; St. Eulalia Church, **Winchester**; St. Mary Church, Winchester, 1986-1991

College and University professors

College and High School Campus Ministers and Retreat Leaders

Youth Ministers

Hospital Chaplains and Social Workers

Viatorian and Diocesan Administrators

Significant Dates:

21 Aug 1793 Birth of Father Querbes

03 Nov 1831 Episcopal approval of the Clerics of St. Viator

21 Sep 1838 Papal approval of the Clerics of St. Viator

31 Jan 1842 First Viatorian Mission established in St. Louis, MO

01 Sep 1859 Death of Father Querbes

06 Sep 1865 First permanent establishment of Viatorians in Bourbonnais, IL

02 Aug 1882 Foundation of the Province of Chicago

Contact Information

Mrs. Donna Schwarz

Administrative Assistant to the Provincial Superior

Major Superior The Very Reverend Thomas R. von Behren, CSV

Archivist Mrs. Joan Sweeney

Coordinator of Vocation Ministry Dr. Dan Lydon, Viatorian Associate

Missionaries of Charity 1987 MC

Name of Community: Missionaries of Charity

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: June 6, 1987

Mission Statement:

We profess a fourth VOW of Wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor.

Ministries: Night shelter for women and children, after school program for children teaching CCD, summer camp for children, visiting--families, shut-ins and nursing homes

Significant Dates:

Bl. Teresa of Calcutta visited in 1987 and in 1995

Contact Information:

Sister Annie Teresa, MC (**local superior**)

401 Quincy Street

Dorchester, MA 02125

Tel: 617-288-4182

Regional Superior--Sr. M. Leticia MC
Bronx, NY
Vocation Director--Sr. M. Sarah MC

Order of the Servants of Mary (Servites) 1987 Dorchester OSM

Name of Community: Order of Servants of Mary (Servites)

The Servants of Mary Order began in the city of Florence, Italy, when seven businessmen, members of a lay group dedicated to prayer, while praying together at the shrine of Our Lady on the feast of her Assumption, August 15, 1233, were inspired to retire from their families and businesses and devote themselves to a life together of prayer, penance and poverty. They retired to Cafaggio, outside the city, which stands today as the Church of the Santissima Annunziata. In 1245, wishing to be free of the well-wishers, they chose a site on one of the hills around Florence, named Monte Senario, where they might more easily lead a life of contemplation. From there, the Order spread throughout Europe and thence to the United States, and settled in Chicago, Illinois.

The Sisters, Servants of Mary of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, were founded in 1912 when five women left the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in La Grange, Illinois to come to Ladysmith at the request of the pastor Father Andrew Bauman, OSM, to teach in the new parochial school. Through the guidance of the Servite Order, the Sisters were officially recognized by the Superior Diocese as a diocesan religious Community in 1919 and in 1921, the Community became aggregated to the Servite Order.

The Sisters' initial response to ministry was to Christian education, but in 1917, (during the great 'flu epidemic') the Sisters collaborated with the local business people and doctors and began construction of a hospital in Ladysmith.

In those early years, the sisters also responded to the call for teachers for parish schools in Wisconsin, Illinois, New Jersey, West Virginia, Minnesota and California. As the needs in our society changed, the sisters responded and today serve as Directors of Religious Education, Pastoral Associates and Chaplains in hospice and in organizations that aid the poor and disadvantaged of our society.

The Servite presence came to the Boston Archdiocese in **1987** when Sister Mary Damian Powers arrived to attend the Urban Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Emmanuel College. St. Matthew Parish in Dorchester, MA was her work site and at the end of her unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) she was hired by the Pastor of St. Matthew Parish. She later continued CPE and became a certified Chaplain. For five years Sister Mary Frances Wanbaugh, a "retired sister" who came to conduct a parish census, joined her. Due to health and community needs, Sr. Frances returned the Midwest and other community ministry. Sister Mary Damian has continued her ministry in the inner city parishes of St. Matthew and at its food pantry, and at St. Ambrose Parish where she is Pastoral Associate. She ministers to the sick, the homebound elderly and, through the food pantry, to much of the Dorchester neighborhood.

Sister finds this ministry an ideal way to continue the **charism** of her community: to promote devotion to Mary, especially under the title of her Seven Sorrows, to serve as Mary served and be a compassionate presence to those in need by standing with Mary at the foot of the countless crosses experienced on life's journey.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden 1987 Serve all realms of human life CSJ

Name of Community: Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, PA

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1987

Mission:

Inspired by the profound love of God and love of neighbor without distinction which characterized the women who began our Catholic order 350 years ago, we, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, Pa., strive to serve all realms of human life, with a special care for the poor.

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in prayer and in community life, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of truth, justice, unity, reconciliation and reverence for creation.

We express these Gospel values through our ministries of education, health care, social services, spiritual development and hospitality, affirming in all ways the dignity of God's people.

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Ministry: Chaplain – Massachusetts Correctional Institute for Women

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Sister Sharon Costello, CSJ
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Archivist: Sister Helen Marie Shrift, CSJ
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Vocation Director: Sister Dorothy Pashuta, CSJ
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Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy 1988 Dorchester Jesus, I trust in You! OLM

Name of Community: Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: September 15, 1988

Mission Statement:

The sisters seek in all things the glory of God, full of mercy, who “in everlasting love has taken pity on us” (Is 54:8) and “has taken us back with great compassion” (Is 54:7). Through Mary, the Mother of Mercy, the sisters participate with a lively faith in the life of Christ and His mission of saving the world.

The Congregation’s charism is to make the mystery of God’s mercy present in the world through word, deed and prayer. By cooperating with God’s saving mercy, the sisters strive to rescue lost souls from perdition. A specific task is to help girls and women who are socially maladjusted and in need of profound moral renewal.

Brief History:

In 1986 His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law went on pilgrimage to our shrine in Cracow, Poland. During His Eminence's visit, Cardinal Law asked the Mother General, Sr. Paulina Slomka, to send several sisters to His Archdiocese in order to establish a community of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. At the invitation of His Eminence three sisters set out for the United States two years later and arrived in Boston, Massachusetts on September 15, 1988, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Our convent in Boston was the first international house founded outside of Poland.

Initially, the sisters worked in a soup kitchen called "Our Daily Bread" and thereafter for several years in a shelter called "St. Ambrose Family Inn" for impoverished homeless women with children. Our apostolate has since evolved into extensive prison ministry in the Boston area and a dynamic proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy throughout the United States and abroad.

As the first candidates expressed their interest in joining the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, we moved to the convent of St. Ann's Parish on Neponset Avenue in Dorchester in October 1993. It serves as the formation house for all English-speaking candidates to our Congregation. Our Lord has blessed us with candidates from the United States as well as sisters from the Philippines, Belgium, Ireland and Poland of course. Our community is rather young, international and multi-cultural.

Ministries:

- Proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy in print (publication of books, leaflets, Divine Mercy images, holy cards, etc.) and word (talks given in parishes, conferences, schools, CCD programs, etc.)
- Prison ministry
- Praying with the sick and dying
- Prayer apostolate to implore God’s mercy for the world

Significant dates:

- November 1 – Foundation day of the Congregation (1862)
- August 5 – Patronal Feast day of Our Lady of Mercy
- October 5 – Feast day of Saint Faustina Kowalska
- Divine Mercy Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter
- April 18, 1993 Beatification of Sr. Faustina Kowalska
- April 30, 2000 Canonization of St. Faustina.

Contact Information:

Local Superior: Sr. M. Saula Firer
 241 Neponset Ave.
 Dorchester, MA 02122
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Mother General: Sr. M. Gracjana Szewc
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www.sisterfaustina.org

Sisters of St. Brigid	1988	Celebrating the Sacred: Compassion and Justice for Humanity and the Earth	CSB
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Name of Community: Sisters of Saint Brigid (Brigidine Sisters)

Location of Motherhouse/Provincialate:

St. Brigid's Convent
 5118 Loma Linda Drive
 San Antonio, TX 78201
 Phone (210) 733-0701
 Fax (210) 785-2820
 E-Mail: Brigidines@sbcglobal.net Web Site: www.brigidine.org.au

Mission Statement:

We, Brigidine Sisters, are Catholic Christian women who in response to the loving call of God, strive to live vowed lives of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience in community, so that we may continue the mission of Jesus who calls us to love God and live together in peace and charity while committing ourselves in service to others.

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: July 1988

Ministries: Brigidine Sisters in Boston have ministered in the following areas:

St. Elizabeth Medical Center: Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and Spiritual Care.
 Caritas Christi Health Care: Sr. Vice President for Mission Integration and Organizational Development.
 Adjunct Faculty at Blessed John XXIII Seminary
 Adjunct Faculty at Boston College
 Director of the Irish Pastoral Center

Contact Information

Archivist: Sr. Mary Teresa Cullen (210) 738-1472
Vocation Director: Sr. Imelda Phelan (210) 736-1670
Advisory Board: Sr. Catherine O'Connor (781) 373-1728
 Guest House Information
 Day of Discernment for Women Interested in Religious Life

The Society of Mary of Bordeaux (The Marianists)	1988	Cambridge	Making Christ present in every age and culture	SM
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Name: The Society of Mary of Bordeaux (The Marianists)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese: 1988

Mission Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit and
 inspired by the dynamism of Blessed Chaminade's charism,
 we—brothers and priests—vowed religious in the Marianist Family,

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live in community as equals.
Through lives of prayer and Gospel service,
we dedicate ourselves
to the following of Jesus Christ,
Son of God become Son of Mary.
Wherever we are sent
we invite others to share in Mary's Mission
of making Christ present in every age and culture
by forming persons and communities of apostolic faith
that advance justice and reconciliation.
Committed to education,
we minister with youth and in solidarity with the poor.

Ministries in the Archdiocese:

Weston Jesuit School of Theology Sabbatical Program, Boston College Sabbatical Program, Boston Conservatory, Brazilian Apostolate, St. Anthony's Parish – Allston, Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Office, Matignon High School, Brandeis Campus Ministry, Bentley Campus Ministry, North Cambridge Catholic High School, Espousal Center, Charismatic Renewal Service Committee, Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, Archdiocesan Christian-Muslim Dialog.

Significant Dates:

1988, Rev. Wm. J. Meyer, S.M. begins ministry at Weston Jesuit School of Theology; 1989, Bro. Francis Ouelette, S.M. appointed Regional Director of Secondary Schools; 1989, Rev. Robert Bouffier, S.M. assumes leadership of newly created Brazilian Apostolate Office; 1991 Aspirancy Formation House opened in former Matignon Convent under leadership of Rev. Wm. J. Meyer, S.M.

Contact Information:

Rev. Paul Fitzpatrick, S.M.

Marianists at Bertoni Hall

554 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02452-3097
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Provincial Superior: Bro. Stephen Glodek, S.M.

Marianist Province of the US
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Religious of Jesus and Mary

1990

Plainville

**Praised forever be Jesus and
Mary**

RJM

Name of Congregation: *Religious of Jesus and Mary*

Date of Establishment:

1877 Fall River, MA – then part of the Diocese of Rhode Island; 1990, Plainville, MA

Mission Statement:

The Religious of Jesus and Mary are an international apostolic congregation of 1300 sisters in sixteen provinces, with the generalate in Rome, Italy. Our sisters and associates, the Family of Jesus and Mary (FJM) are present in twenty-six countries, united by a common vision and desire to reveal God's forgiving and compassionate love as mirrored in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. We minister in educational institutions, retreat houses, catechetical and social service centers, and are engaged in a variety of pastoral ministries.

St. Claudine Thévenet (1774-1837), our Foundress, “given over to the action of the Spirit, having experienced an intimate knowledge of the active goodness of Christ, and moved by the miseries of her time, came to have one desire: to communicate this felt knowledge; and one anguish: to see abandoned to their misfortune those who lived in ignorance of God.” (Constitutions, 1977, Art.3)

From its origins (1818) in post-revolutionary Lyon, France, our congregation has been marked by its Ignatian spiritual heritage, devotion to the hearts of Christ and Mary, and a missionary tradition. By our attentiveness to the call of the Church and the needs of our world, each sister and each community wishes to manifest Christ and be an evangelizing presence among our sisters and brothers, wherever we are sent. Like our Foundress, our preferences in ministry are women and girls at risk, and those of God’s people who are “the poorest, most shameful and most abandoned.”

At our profession, we receive a silver cross, embossed with the initials “JM” surrounded by a crown of thorns. It symbolizes our call to reveal the love of Jesus and Mary in the midst of a suffering world, and it reminds us of the Congregational motto: PRAISED FOREVER BE JESUS AND MARY!

Ministries: Teaching, Counseling, Pastoral Ministries, Health Care, Catechesis, Spiritual Direction Community Service

Significant Dates:

- 1818: Foundation of Congregation in Lyon, France
- 1837: Death of Claudine Thévenet, Foundress
- 1842: First Missionary Expedition to Agra, India
- 1847: Pontifical Approval of Constitutions by Pope Pius IX
- May 22, 1877: **First foundation in United States: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Fall River, MA [RI diocese at the time]**
- August, 1947: Establishment of autonomous U.S. Province
- June, 1968: Union of Western and Eastern American Provinces
- October 2, 1990: Move to Jesus-Mary Mission Center, Plainville, MA (property of Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine’s, KY)
- March, 1993: Canonization of our foundress, St. Claudine Thévenet
- September, 1997: Opening of Haiti Mission: Gros Morne, Haiti, WI
- September, 2003: A group of RJM move to Marillac Residence, Wellesley Hills, MA --- assisted-living intercommunity setting, sponsored by Sisters of Charity of Halifax
- October, 2004: Opening of Sophia House, Arlington, MA (Discernment Community for women considering religious life)

Contact Information:

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Archivist/Historian : Sister Janice Farnham, RJM
 Sophia House
 24 Everett Street
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Vocation Director and New England Contact : Sister Janice Farnham (see above)

Sisters of Charity of St. Mary 1993 To serve the poor SCSM

Name of Community: Sisters of Charity of St. Mary
Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1993
Mission Statement: “To serve the poor”

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Ministries: House of Studies for Sisters

Contact Information:

Mother Pierre Ann Mandato
Les Soeurs de Charité de Sainte Marie
3530 est boul. Gouin
Montréal-Nord, Qué. H1H 1B7

Brotherhood of Hope 1995 Somerville BH

Brotherhood of Hope

OUR MISSION:

The New Evangelization, mainly at four large Universities:

- 1) Boston University
- 2) Northeastern University
- 3) Florida State University
- 4) Rutgers University

(We also do some youth outreach, men's ministry, and a yearly service trip to Tanzania, Africa).

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The Brotherhood of Hope is a new community of Catholic Brothers fully consecrated to Jesus Christ by vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience in fraternal common life. We bring the New Evangelization proclaimed by John Paul primarily to college students at secular universities. Reaching out to inactive and uncommitted Catholics, we encourage conversion to Christ and his Church and train students to empower others with this liberating hope.

The Church teaches that a brother is a man called by God to live his baptismal consecration intensely, and to imitate Christ's chastity, poverty and obedience through a total gift of self vowed to God. He lives this special consecration in fraternal community and serves in a common mission. His radical self-offering both manifests Jesus Our Brother present in the world now, and also proclaims the kingdom yet to come.

Sisters of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus 1998 All for the greater glory of God EHJ

Name of Community: Sisters of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: (about 10 years ago)

Mission Statement:

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus is a Religious Institute of educated African Sisters with great missionary spirit; dedicated to the love of God and service of humanity.

We devote ourselves to the daily adoration of the Eucharist, making sacrifices and reparation for sins. By sharing in the sentiments of Christ – love – when He gave us the Eucharist, we reach out to all classes of people through our various apostolates.

We commit ourselves to:

- Deep personal striving for holiness
- Respect for all
- Giving qualitative education and holistic formation to all classes of people
- Provide health care and social services
- Promoting justice and equality in all ramifications

ALL FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Ministries: Pastoral Ministry

Significant Date: Feast of the Congregation is *Feast of Corpus Christi* (Body and Blood of Christ)

Contact Information:

Sr. Christiana Onyewuche, EHJ
St. Patrick's Convent
115 Mt. Pleasant Ave
Boston MA 02119

Major Superior: Sr. Dr. Mary Henrietta Domingo, EHJ

Local Superior: Sr. Mary Christiana Onyewuche, EHJ

Sisters of St. Marcelline 1999 Waltham Bring Jesus into all hearts IM

Name of Community: Sisters of St. Marcelline

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: 1999

Mission Statement:

To be contemplative and active . . . to bring Jesus into all hearts . . . by complete dedication to God with the aid of Mary, Mother of Christ.

Ministries:

Religious Education at St. Mary Parish in Waltham
Residence for students from Mexico and Brazil to help them in their understanding of the American Church and Society

Significant Dates:

1999 Residence opened
2003 left Archdiocese

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**Missionary Sisters of St. Charles 2000 Witnesses of the heavenly goods MSCS
Borromeo (Scalabrinians) to all God's People**

Name of Community: Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston: November 30, 2000

Mission Statement:

The Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters live in the world the mission of being witnesses of the heavenly goods to all God's People, especially to the migrants, in this way helping them discover the love the Father has for them and the hope they have been called to.

Constitutions of the Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters #7

Ministries: Pastoral care to 230,000 Brazilian immigrants

Significant Dates: June 1st Feast Day of our Founder – Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini

Contact Information:

Major Superior: Sister M. Manuela Amaral – Provincial Superior

Archivist: Sister Elisete Signor, mscs

Vocation Director: Sister Noemia Silva, mscs

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Bishop: Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap (2003-)

Franciscans of the Primitive Observance	2005	Lawrence	FPO
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Name of Community: Franciscans of Primitive Observance (F.P.O.)

Date of Foundation in the Archdiocese of Boston:

August 11, 2005 as a Public Association of the Faithful

Mission Statement:

To live the Holy Gospel according to the spirit and example of our Holy Father St. Francis of Assisi and the early Capuchin Reformers. The substantial elements of this way of life include strict mendicant poverty, ardent contemplative and liturgical prayer, periods of solitude in remote hermitages, close-knit and loving fraternity, minority, itinerant preaching, manual labor, substantial communal penance and joyful austerity. We are governed by traditional religious obedience which includes unswerving loyalty to our Holy Father the Pope and the Magisterium. The source and summit of our life is the Holy Eucharist. We are consecrated to Christ through our vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and total consecration to the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

Ministries:

Our apostolic work is evangelization—drawing souls to Jesus through Mary. This is done mainly through the example of our life, but also by retreat and mission preaching, door-to-door evangelization and street preaching, catechetical instruction, and spiritual direction. In addition, we strive to serve the poor and those in need by pro-life work; food distribution; visiting the sick, elderly, and imprisoned; and assisting at existing shelters, soup kitchens, and hospices.

Significant Dates:

January 25, 1995 Community is founded in New Bedford, MA in the Diocese of Fall River.

August 11, 2005 Erected as a Public Association of the Faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston

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Priestly Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo 2006 Passion for the glory of Christ FSCB

Name of Community: The Priestly Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo

Date of Establishment in Boston: 2006

"Go forth to the entire world and bring the truth, the beauty, and the peace that can only be found in Christ the Redeemer!"

These were the words pronounced in 1984 by our now beloved Pope John Paul the Great, during the celebration held in St. Peter's Square of Communion and Liberation's 30th Anniversary.

This was the spark that ignited the founding of the Fraternity of St. Charles. Founded in 1985 by Monsignor Massimo Camisasca, the Fraternity of St. Charles is born of the charism of Community and Liberation's founder, Monsignor Luigi Giussani (Camisasca's former high school teacher). The Fraternity is built upon the pillars of common life and mission.

The fraternity is made up of approximately one hundred priests who live together in houses with at least three members. Our missionaries are currently living in twenty countries spread over four continents.

The fraternity's seminary (or "house of formation", as we prefer to call it) is located in Rome with a branch in Mexico City. There are currently thirty young men living in Rome and Mexico preparing for the sacramental priesthood.

Religious Sisters of Mercy 2006 RSM

Name of Community: Religious Sisters of Mercy

Date of Foundation in Boston: 2006

Mission Statement:

The Religious Sisters of Mercy is a Religious Institute of Pontifical Right dedicated to the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy. The goal of the Institute is the praise and worship of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the boundless mercy which has been revealed through the works of creation, redemption, and sanctification. The Sisters profess the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as a fourth vow of service.

Ministries: Education, administration Whole community: also health care

Significant Dates:

September 1: Foundation Day

September 24: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy

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