



St. Mary's Academy; Joliet, Ill.

August 30, 1880 marks the coming of IBVM from Canada to the United States. Reverend Walter Power and Reverend Maurice Burke, two pastors in Joliet, Illinois, had written to Mother Teresa Dease in Toronto, asking her now "to do something for the West." This year we celebrate that foundation. IBVM worked for thirty-eight years in Joliet, teaching in four parish elementary schools and conducting St. Mary's Academy, a boarding and day school for girls.