

IBVM/na U.S.

Presence in Joliet: ¶Chronology

9-8-1880 Convent on Cass Street; St. Patrick's School opened

Anna Galvin, Gonzaga, also spelled Gallivan Superior

1883 Sisters moved to St. Mary's Convent "usually called St. Mary's Academy"

1887 Eucheria Magan (also called Elizabeth McGann) Superior; Director of Corporation "McGann" is spelling on corporation document; Magan is used in DICTIONARY OF BIOGRAPHY.

1892-98 Stanislaus (Catherine) Liddy, Dir & Supr

1894 Mary of the Angels (Charlotte) Lynn Director & Superior

1896 IBID.

St. Bernard School opened

Following are listed as Superiors by Sheila Smith, General Secretary:

1902 Catherine Harris

1906 Joseph Don Carlos

1910 Angels (Charlotte Lynn?)

1910-1911 Eucheria Twohey 1913 Felix Devine

1917 Jerome Cogan

Callista McGuire, a reliable source, lists the following as Superiors:

Aloysius Gonzaga Gallivan

Eucheria Magan

Stanislaus Liddy

Mary of the Angels Lynn

Catherine harris

Joseph Don Carlos

Mary of the Angels Lynn--2nd appointment

Eucheria Twohey

Felix Devine

Jerome Cogan

1918 Commercial school closed, end of St. Mary's Academy by IBVM's

1920 St. Mary's grade school closed
End of IBVM presence in Joliet until 1982
when Bp. Joseph Imesch invited the Sisters
to staff St. Raymond's, the cathedral
school

IBVM Archives

In 1880, pastor of St. Patrick's was Fr. Powers
pastor of St. Mary's was Fr. Burke

Teresa Dease placed emphasis on "quality education"

Academy was chartered in 1882, offering a classical curriculum

1892 Accredited with DeKalb Normal

1903 Accredited with Illinois, Urbana

Sisters accommodated 4 parish elementary schools and one academy from grades 1 to 12

One record states that the Sisters were teaching in 12 schools with 800-1000 in each school

In 1892 one record states that there were 52 students in the academy; in 1872 there were 72 students.

Records are incomplete and sometimes conflicting.