

THE LORETTO NOVITIATE

On the twenty-sixth day of August, 1927, Mother M. St. Teresa, with two novices and two junior professed nuns, opened the first Novitiate of the Ladies of Loretto on United States soil. No missionaries ever realized better the importance of the task entrusted to them, or the possibilities of the harvest from the tiny seed they were about to sow and cultivate, than these five women. Their coming was hailed with joy and thanksgiving by thousands of the Loretto Sisters' friends, who for many years had prayed and longed for a Novitiate on American soil. The Providence of God, which so mightily and sweetly moves and orders all things, could be manifestly felt working in behalf of the Sisters. The beautiful house at 5550 Harvard Avenue, since replaced by the new Community Center, was placed temporarily at their disposal. They took possession of the house on the eleventh of October, and in a few short weeks the interior was fitted out to meet the requirements of a Convent. The first year postulants soon joined their ranks, Sister M. Lillian Ryan, Sister M. Catalda La Belle, Sister M. Leah Mullin. On the erection of the Community Center the Novitiate was moved to Loretto Convent, Woodlawn, where God's blessings continue to descend upon it, and it is the prayer of all that God will prosper it and send it many candidates to be trained and prepared to help spread the Master's Kingdom by directing and instructing others in the path which leads to Heaven.



The beginning of an American Novitiate

1927 on Harvard ave.	M. St. Teresa Ginnigan
1933 Woodlawn	M. Bernardine Bannon
1946-49 Wheaton	M. Felician Bell

Formation "accommodations" at St. Anne's

1975 { Elaine Swanski Norma Korvan	2nd yr. novice / 1st yr. professed 2nd yr. novice
1976 Sharon Smith	associate (postulant)
1980 Brenda Egan	associate (")
1981 Lorna Hays	2nd yr novice / yrs as Jr. Professed '82 - Oct. 9, 1982 1st vows
1985-88 Brenda Egan	Junior Professed - Final Vows June 1988
1988-89 { Ann Ferrigan Cathy Winkle	1st year novices
1989-90 Susan Ashbourne	1st year novice
1990-91 Shelley Krull	1st year novice